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OF THE

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OF THE

UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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STAUNTON, VA

September 18—21, 1895.

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OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT—REV. R. C. HOLLAND, D. D., CHARLESTON, S. C.
VICE-PRESIDENT—REV. L. G. M. MILLER, D. D., ROANOKE, VA.
SECRETARY—REV. M. G. G. SCHERER, CONCORD, N. C.
TREASURER—CHAS. H. DULS, ESQ., CHARLOTTE, N. C.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Rev. C. Armand Miller, J. E. Cooper, Esq., Hon. H. S. Trout, and G. M. Beltzhoover, Esq.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time and place of next meeting left to the selection of the officers of Synod.

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The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met, in its fifth convention, in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Staunton, Va., Wednesday, September 18, 1895.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D D., from 1 Timothy 3: 15. The sermon was followed by preparatory services and Holy Communion.

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FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 11 O'CLOCK.

The Synod was formally opened by the acting President, Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., according to the form in the Book of Worship.

In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. L. K. Probst was appointed temporary Secretary.

The roll of Synods was called and the following delegates-elect from the several District Synods were reported present, and their names were enrolled:

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LIST OF DELEGATES.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, C. A. Marks, B. S. Brown, J. Q. Wertz, Geo. H. Cox, and V. R. Stickley.

LAY—Messrs. J. D. Heilig, S. H. Hearne, J. A. Davidson, Jas. P. Cook, and C. H. Duls.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. E. T. Horn, D. D., L. E. Busby, J. H. Wilson, J. B. Fox, Ph. D., R. C. Holland, D. D., Geo. W. Holland, D. D., M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., and A. G. Voigt, D. D.

LAY—Messrs. G. B. Cromer, J. C. Seegers, C. Ehrhardt, J. B. O'Neal Holloway, A. D. Haltiwanger, and Capt. J. W. Jenny.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. W. L. Darr and S. Henkel, D. D.

LAY—Messrs. D. C. Boland and Ambrose L. Henkel.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. C. H. Rockey, W. L. Seabrook, L. L. Smith, H. F. Shealy, J. A. Snyder, W. J. Smith, and A. A. J. Bushong.

LAY—Messrs. C. W. Heater, L. S. Walker, J. E. Cooper, M. Caughman, G. W. Koiner, C. C. Berry, and Samuel R. Hoover.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., J. J. Scherer, L. A. Fox, D. D., C. A. Miller, and W. Y. Cline.

LAY—Messrs. J. P. Gose, S. S. Castle, A. M. Bowman, and Maj. W. G. Repass.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Revs. J. Austin and J. S. Elmore.

LAY—Messrs. M. L. Exley and D. E. Rieser.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

[Not Represented.]

Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., acting President, read the following report, which was held for reference to committee:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your President, Rev. D. M. Moser, by letter of resignation dated December 9, 1892, devolved upon me as Vice-President the duties of the office of President of the United Synod. I unite with you in the general feeling of regret that Bro. Moser's removal from our bounds has deprived us of his valuable services and made necessary his resignation of the office of President of this body.

On the 21st day of August, 1892, our Treasurer, Col. P. N. Heilig departed this life. He was an active participant in the councils of our United Synod since its organization, and prominent in the work of our Southern church for many years. It is eminently proper, therefore, that this body should record its appreciation of his worth, as well as of its own loss in the removal of a faithful and competent officer.

It devolved upon the surviving officers to appoint a Treasurer to fill Col. Heilig's place; and thus C. H. Duls, Esq., of Charlotte, N. C., by letter of acceptance dated February 6, 1893, became our Treasurer, and has executed the duties of the office since that date.

The United Synod, whose origin in the Diet at Salisbury, and whose four several conventions since are closely associated with the name of Rev. Abel J. Brown, D. D., is called upon to make a special note of his death on the 17th day of July, 1894. To his wise counsels, his devotion to the cause of our larger union, his recognized purity of motive and sincerity in his advocacy of the principles represented by the United Synod, this body owes much, and it becomes us as his survivors to testify to our affectionate remembrance of his eminent services.

Another eminent servant of the Church South, Rev. Jacob Hawkins, D. D., died July 16, 1895, at his home in South Carolina. His name has been closely connected with the history of the United Synod, and he was a delegate elect to this its fifth convention. The absence of these bretheren from our councils will be noted with general regret, and should move us to a recognition of our increased responsibility.

By the grace of God we are permitted, after an interim of over three years, to meet again as a United Synod; and I congratulate you upon the auspicious opportunity now presented of strengthening the bonds of our union by a careful, zealous, and conscientious application of our best energies to carry forward the great work laid upon us by the Head of the Church. The call of the hour is to hearty co-operation. Fellowship in united en-

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deavor to accomplish our mission as a general body, coupled with mutual confidence in each other's sincerity and fidelity, is the supreme call which comes to us in this fifth convention of this Synod. May the Lord direct us in all our deliberations, and granting us the presence of His Spirit, make this meeting a blessing to our entire Southern Church.

The mission work of the United Synod has been committed to the management of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and will be fully presented by that Board. You will be pleased to learn that in this department of our united efforts the Lord has blessed us beyond our most sanguine expectations. The officers of the board have been both laborious and faithful, and justly deserve the thanks of the Church.

Another subject of vast importance claiming our prayerful consideration is that of the Theological Seminary—its permanent location and more thorough equipment. The work of this institution since our last meeting will be presented by the Board of Directors, and the results thus presented will doubtless show potent reasons not only for the continuance of the Seminary, but for an increased interest and zeal in its behalf on the part of all our Synods.

The orphan work so auspiciously begun will claim your attention. A full report is expected from the authorities in charge.

Among the signs of the times of which we may properly take cognizance is the movement of our young people toward organization into associations, local and general, for work in the church. The movement is developing into a great force, and properly directed may result in great blessing to our churches. As there are two characteristic forms of development, that of the Luther League and that of the Christian Endeavor, it may not be inadvisable for this United Synod to attempt to so unify and harmonize such associations in our churches as that they may have a homogenious development in harmony with the doctrine and cultus of our Lutheran Christianity. The question which seems to confront us is, Shall the United Synod, now in the incipiency of the movement, give the word of encouragement and direction, and by way of wholesome suggestion lead our young people along the way of an evangelical and churchly method, or leave these associations to a possible heterogenious development of their own choice?

The overture for practical co-operation submitted by the General Synod to this body in connection with all other Lutheran bodies in America, together with certain conclusions reached at a conference of certain committees held in Philadelphia on the

18th of January, 1894, is submitted for your consideration; the same to be found in Exhibit marked O, herewith filed. It will devolve upon this convention to take some action in the premises.

It is well that we keep constantly in view the purposes and aims of the United Synod. Quoting from our Constitution we read as follows: "The object and aim of the United Synod shall be the outward expression of the spiritual unity of the Synods concerned; mutual strengthening in faith confession; unification of all Lutherans in one orthodox faith, and mutual co-operation in the promotion of the general interests of the Church." The action of this body in the past has been in no small degree influenced by this declared purpose. In harmony with the same this body accepted the Common Service adopted by a joint commission of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod; and issued the same in the form thus agreed upon. The United Synod points with satisfaction to her record on this subject, and notes with regret that the other two general bodies have not adhered with equal fidelity to the form submitted by said Commission. Yet persevering along the line of original purpose we will hold sacredly to the Common Service as the most promising medium for the attainment of the uniformity in worship for which we have hitherto labored. Holding the vantage ground already gained we cherish the hope that we may yet have a Common Book of Worship.

We may furthermore congratulate ourselves that we occupy a position confessionally which gives promise of being the ultimate basis of the larger union for which we strive. The doctrinal basis of a united Lutheran Church in this country will in all probability be the present basis of the United Synod. In the contemplation of the larger union for which we labor and pray, it would be manifestly unwise for us at this period of our history to modify our confessional status by either subtraction or addition. "Whereunto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same things." Led by the Spirit of God into the existing bond of union, let us cement the same by a mutual confidence which shall supersede any need or desire for further tests of our sincerity or loyalty as members of the same household of faith; and may we prove by our happy union that a larger union is equally possible upon the same basis.

Using the liberty which the By-Laws seemed to allow, the officers of this body united in appointing Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D. D., to preach the Synodical Sermon of this Convention of the United Synod; which appointment he kindly accepted and has ably filled.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

REV. R. C. HOLLAND, D. D., *President.*
REV. L. G. M. MILLER, D. D., *Vice-President.*
REV. M. G. G. SCHERER, *Secretary.*
MR. C. H. DULS, *Treasurer.*

The hours for the sessions of the Synod were fixed as follows: From 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. W. Y. Cline.

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SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. J. Austin.

On motion the reading of Rules of Order was dispensed with.

The minutes of the last convention of the United Synod were referred to the proper committee.

On motion all visiting ministers of the Lutheran Church were invited to seats as advisory members. The following names were reported: Revs. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension; W. A. Lutz, J. A. Morehead, Paul Sieg, W. B. Oney, F. Kuegele, President of the English Synod of Missouri; W. R Brown, O. C. Willer, C. B. Miller, J. I Miller, D. D.; F. V. N. Painter, D. D.; D. P. T. Crickenberger, E. A. Shenk, J. E. Shenk, and R. B. Peery, Ph. D.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report, which was received for reference to the Auditing Committee:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SALISBURY, N. C., February 17, 1893.

P. N. HEILIG, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

1892.	DR.		
June —.	Received of Rev. T. S. Brown, Treasurer	$5 07	
	Received of sundry parties, balance	221 67	
			$226 74
1892.	CR.		
Aug. 9.	Paid Henkel & Co	$46 68	
13.	Paid Rev. A. L. Crouse	26 00	
			72 68
	To balance in Treasurer's hands		154 06

CHARLOTTE, N. C., September 16, 1895.

C. H. DULS, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

1893.	DR.		
Feb. 17.	Received of executors Col. P. N. Heilig, per First National Bank, Salisbury		$154 06
Mar. 23.	Received of J. Paul Stirewalt, Treasurer Ev. Lutheran Tenn. Synod, on printing minutes Convention of 1889	$10 62	
	Same, for 1892	6 90	
			17 52
Apr. 3.	Received of W. J. Duffie, publisher, per Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., royalty on Book of Worship and Common Service		60 32
			231 90
1893	CR.		
Feb. 17.	Paid Aull & Houseal on account printing minutes Fourth Convention United Synod	$154 06	
Apr. 17.	Paid Aull & Houseal balance bill for printing minutes	70 94	
			225 00
	To balance in Treasurer's hands		6 90

The following report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary Fund was submitted and held for reference to committee:

H. S. TROUT, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

[Formerly located at Salem, Va.]

1892.		DR.	
June	1.	To balance due by Treasurer	$735 40
1893.			
Jan.	24.	To interest from Virginia Synod	120 00
1894.			
Feb.	19.	To interest one year on $2,000	120 00
Aug.	20.	To interest one year on $2,000	120 00
1895.			
Mar.	5.	To interest one year on $2,000	120 00
Sept.	1.	To interest on $735.40 from June 1, 1892, to September 1, 1895	106 34
		Interest on $120.00 from January 24, 1893 to September 1, 1895	18 60
		Interest on $120.00 from February 19, 1894, to September 1, 1895	10 80
		Interest on $120.00 from August 20, 1894, to September 1, 1895	7 25
		Interest on $120.00 from March 5, 1895, to September 1, 1895	3 60
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		To balance due by Treasurer	846 29
1893.		CR.	
July	3.	By Prof. A. G. Voigt	$144 00
Aug.	19.	Aull & Houseal	23 00
1894.			
June	27.	By Prof. A. G. Voigt	150 00
1895.			
July	5.	By Prof. A. G. Voigt	150 00
		Rev. H. S. Wingard	8 55
		Rev. G. W. Holland	6 40
Sept.	1.	Interest on $167.00 from July 3, 1893, to September 1, 1895	21 71
		Interest on $150.00 from June 27, 1894, to September 1, 1895	10 50
		Interest on $164.95 from July 5, 1895, to September 1, 1895	1 54
		Balance due by Treasurer	846 29
			1 361 99

The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. C. H. Rockey, J. A. Snyder, J. Austin, and Mr. G. W. Koiner.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod.*—Rev. Geo. H. Cox, and Messrs. S. H. Hearne and J. P. Gose.

3. *On District Synods.*—Revs. A A. J. Bushong and V. R. Stickley, and Mr. M. L. Exley.

4. *On State of the Church.*—Revs. J. J. Scherer, J. S. Elmore, J. Q. Wertz, A. D. R. Hancher, Capt. J. W. Jenny, and Messrs. J. A. Wyse and D. C. Boland.

5. *On Devotional Exercises.*—Rev. H. F. Shealy and officers of Synod.

6. *On Theological Seminary.*—Revs. B. S. Brown, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., M. M Kinard, Ph. D., W J. Smith, and Mr. J. D. Heilig

7. *On Literary Institutions.*—Revs, J. B. Fox, Ph D., C. Armand Miller, and Maj. W. G. Repass.

8. *On Missions.*—Revs, L. L. Smith, B. S. Brown, A. D. R. Hancher, J. S. Elmore, A. G. Voigt, D. D., W. L. Darr, W. Y. Cline, and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and G. B. Cromer.

9. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. L. S. Walker, J. B O'Neal Holloway, and D. E. Rieser.

10. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs, J. H. Wilson, C. A. Marks, A. G. Voigt, D. D., and Messrs. C. W. Heater, and M. Caughman.

11. *On Church Literature* —Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., and J. Q. Wertz, and Mr. A. D. Haltiwanger.

Also the following

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. *On Orphan Home.*—Revs. A. D. R. Hancher, G. W. Holland, D. D., and W. L. Seabrook.

2. *On Treasurer's Report of Theological Seminary Fund*—. Rev. J. S. Elmore and Messrs. C. C Berry, J. C. Seegers, and J. A. Davidson.

3. *On Overture on Co-operation.*—Revs. E. T. Horn,

D. D., C. H. Rockey and W. J. Smith, and Messrs. S. S Castle and A. M. Bowman.

The following report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read by Dr. Horn, and referred to committee:

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod beg to report that they have met at Newberry, June 13, 1893, June 18, 1895, and that the Executive Committee of the Board met there June 19, 1894.

At the first meeting, Prof. Voigt reported the attendance of seven students, three in the Middle and four in the Junior Class. It was ordered that 300 copies of the amended Constitution be printed and distributed. It also was ordered that the house rent of Prof. Voigt be paid from the Treasury.

At the second meeting (Ex. Com.) a diploma was granted to V. G. Boozer, and certificates in a special course to N. D. Bodie and H. W. Jeffcoat. It was ordered that hereafter written examinations in all studies on papers prepared by the Professor be required of all students during the third week of May of each year. That these papers be submitted to the Executive Committee, and that certificates be granted to those who successfully pass the examination, but that diplomas of graduation be given only to those who pass a satisfactory examination in all the courses. It was ordered that hereafter the expenses of members of the committee attending the meetings be paid from the Treasury.

At the third meeting seven students were reported, three in the Senior Class, and four irregularly in the Junior. Rev. N. D. Bodie had read a special course; George S. Bearden, Henry A. McCullough, James D. Rikard, Rev. N. D. Bodie were graduated. An offer for the future location of the Seminary, from Winston, N. C., was read. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Board recommend to the United Synod at its approaching meeting:

1. That it request the North Carolina Synod, the Virginia Synod, and the Southwest Virginia Synod to nominate and support a professor in the Theological Seminary; that it request the Tennessee and Holston Synods to nominate and support another professor; and that it request the Georgia Synod and the Mississippi Synod to unite with the North Carolina Synod in the sup-

port of the present professor; and that the salary in each instance be fixed by the Synods making the nomination.

2. That Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D. retain the chair of Systematic Theology.

3. That for the present, and until further action of Synod, the Seminary be supported at Newberry, S. C.

4. That the citizens of Newberry be requested to make an offer of grounds and buildings for the Seminary.

The President was authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for house rent of Prof. Voigt, from year to year, for not more than $150 a year.

We note with great satisfaction that Roanoke College, at its recent commencement, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on one professor of Theology.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. HORN,
Chairman of the Board.

Dr. Horn, President of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, read the following report, which was received and referred to committee:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

JUNE 1892–SEPTEMBER 15, 1895.

Herewith is presented a narrative of the Board's proceedings since the meeting of the United Synod in Knoxville in June, 1892, at which meeting the following persons were re-elected a Board of Missions and Church Extension: Revs. Drs. Edward T. Horn, E. A. Wingard, H. S. Wingard, R. C. Holland, and Messrs. H. A. Meetze, J. D. Capplemann and C. M. Efird, Esqrs. At a special meeting of the Board, immediately after the adjournment of Synod, the Rev. L. K. Probst was re-elected General Secretary, at his former salary of $1,200 a year, with the understanding that his headquarters were to be removed to Atlanta, Ga., and that the salary paid by the congregation to be organized at that place should be turned into the Board's treasury to offset a part of his salary.

At the first regular meeting of the Board a formal organization was effected by the election of Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn President, J. D. Capplemann Treasurer, and Rev. L. K. Probst Secretary. After a few months, owing to the fact that Mr. Capplemann found it impossible to act longer as Treasurer, the Board elected Mr.

R. G. Chisolm Treasurer, and he has acceptably and gratuitously filled this position up to this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SYNOD.

The United Synod, having approved all previous acts of this Board, made the following recommendations for the future:

1. We recommend that the Board be instructed to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod $6,000 per annum for the work of Home Missions.

2. We recommend that the Board be instructed to apportion and raise in the Synods belonging to this United Synod $4,500 for Foreign Missions.

In obedience to these directions the Board has repeatedly and regularly notified the several Synods, and the pastors of the congregations of all the Synods, how much would be expected from each of them in order to make up this total amount. The success that has attended our efforts will be shown by our financial report.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

In compliance with the direction of the Board the General Secretary changed his headquarters to Atlanta, Ga., where he organized and has regularly served a congregation since November of 1892. In addition, he has visited all the District Synods and Women's Conventions annually, and he has also continued to visit and to exercise general oversight of the work of the churches at Knoxville, Richmond, Norfolk, Winston, Asheville, Augusta, Bristol, Morristown and adjacent points. In connection with the President of the Board he has carried on the correspondence incident to the Home and Foreign work, and he has also attended and kept a record of all Board meetings, and furnished information for publication.

The Women's Missionary Societies have continued very active and useful, and their number has increased in all the Synods. We appreciatively recognize the cordial co-operation which continues between these Societies and our Board.

In South Carolina there are at present belonging to the State Convention about 21 Societies, with 625 members, who during 1894 contributed for Home and Foreign Missions about $600—all of this being paid into the Board's treasury.

In the 28 Societies belonging to the Convention of the Southwest Virginia Synod, there are about 500 members, and at their convention in August, 1895, they reported about $1,000 raised for Missions. A large part of this was spent in their own territory, in the completion of the church at Radford, and in the prosecu-

tion of work in the coal-field districts of their State. During the next year they propose again to raise at least $1,000, and $325 of this amount are pledged to this Board for Home Missions and $325 for Foreign Missions.

The North Carolina Convention, with 27 Societies and 675 active members, reported at their 10th Convention in August, 1895, that $1,063.30 had been raised for missions during the year —all of which was paid to this Board. Encouraged by past success this Convention has resolved to try to raise $1,100 during the next year.

During the past year a Synodical Convention was organized in the Holston Synod, but we have not yet received statistics showing what has been done by their Societies.

There are a number of active and liberal Congregational Societies in the Virginia Synod, and at its last meeting, in August of this year, the Synod's endorsement was secured looking to the organization of a Synodical Convention.

The Georgia Synod has Women's Societies in several of its congregations, but as yet has no Synodical Convention.

The Women's Conventions propose hereafter to fill one page each month in the church papers with matter relative to the work of their Societies.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.

Work among the children in the interest of missions has also been pressed, and many congregations have organized children's missionary societies. The Board has continued to furnish certificates of membership and constitutions for these societies. We ask this Synod to recommend—*That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday-Schools of the United Synod as a missionary Sunday, and that on that day the children be specially addressed on the subject of missions and collections be taken for this object.*

SPECIAL SUNDAYS FOR CONGREGATIONAL MISSION COLLECTIONS.

Special attention has regularly been directed to the two Sundays designated by the United Synod for missionary collections, viz: *Whit-Sunday and the second Sunday in November*, and envelopes have been furnished by the Board to all schools and congregations desiring to use them for such special collections. Believing that systematic attention on the part of our congregations to this matter will largely increase the receipts of our treas-

ury, we ask that this Synod urge the churches to continue to use these days for the purpose indicated.

THE MISSION NEWS.

In obedience to the direction of the Board an effort was made to make the *Mission News* self-sustaining. Finding, however, that it was difficult or impossible to do this, the publication was stopped in April of 1894, when an arrangement was made with the church papers to publish items of mission news in their columns.

On our Home and Foreign work we offer the following details:

HOME MISSIONS.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Immediately after the last meeting of the United Synod the congregation at Knoxville resolved to be a self-sustaining church, but asked the advice of the Board in selecting a pastor. At first a temporary supply was secured, but finally the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher was permanently elected. This young congregation has not only supported its own pastor since June of 1892, but it has become one of the most liberal and influential congregations of the Holston Synod. There are now 95 enrolled members and 95 in its Sunday-school.

AUGUSTA, GA.

The Board has continued to aid the Augusta mission church, paying at present $15 a month on the salary. The South Carolina Synod also pays $325 to this mission each year. During the past year an earnest but unsuccessful effort was made to wipe out the debt, which was, however, reduced to $1,000. The Rev. S. T. Hallman has continued to faithfully serve this mission, and barring the existence of the debt, the affairs of the congregation are in good condition. The membership is now 116, with 92 in the Sunday-school.

The church property is valued at $12,500.

FIRST CHURCH, RICHMOND.

Rev. J. C. Seegers acceptably served the First Church in Richmond until July, 1894. Upon his resignation the Rev. J. A. Morehead was elected pastor at a salary of $900, the congregation paying $50 a month of this amount. The internal affairs of the congregation are at present in a very satisfactory condition, the active membership now being 153, with 139 in the Sunday school. The debt on the congregation is still $4,800, besides the

claim of $2,500 held by the Virginia Synod and a $1,000 note held by this Board. No satisfactory chance for a sale of the property has offered. The plan of the Board is still as declared at the last meeting of this Synod, to sell, if possible the entire property and pay off the debts of the congregation, and with the balance of the money buy a lot and build a church in another location.

TRINITY, RICHMOND.

The Second church at Richmond having been taken off the hands of the Southwest Virginia Synod, on the conditions reported at the last meeting of this Synod, the Board continued to supplement the salary of Rev. H. M. Petrea until he resigned in 1893. After his resignation the pastor of the First church was directed to give one service a day to Trinity, with the understanding that at least $10 a month should be paid by them on salary. This arrangement has obviated the necessity of keeping two pastors in Richmond, but it has not been satisfactory to the missionary or to either congregation, and some other plan must soon be adopted.

WINSTON, N. C.

The Board has retained control of this mission, supplementing the salary of the pastor, Rev. W. A. Lutz, to the extent of $58 a month untill January 1st, when this payment was reduced to $50 a month. The congregation now numbers 116 members, with 100 in the Sunday-school, and pays $25 a month on the sala,y. Soon after the last meeting of the United Synod a most eligibly located lot was bought by the Board for this mission for $2,000 and in addition the Board agreed to put another $2,000 into the church, the congregation also pledging itself to put not less than $4,000 into the building. The Board has paid $3,000 of its entire obligation to this point, and is, therefore, pledged for $1,000, which, however, has been borrowed in order that the work might be completed. The Winston congregation has also been allowed to borrow $1,000 of its pledge. The church has been built and dedicated, and is now being used by the congregation.

The church, which is Gothic in structure, stands on a lot 50x100, and has an average size of 48x72 feet. It is built of granite and hand-made brick, with slate roof. On the interior it is handsomely finished and furnished, and cost complete with the furniture, exclusive of lot, $8,700. There is no debt on this mission except the $1,000 still owed by the Board, and $1,400

owed by the congregation—this latter amount, however, being covered by good subscriptions and pledges.

NORFOLK, VA.

In the summer of 1893 the Board decided to begin work at Norfolk, and the Rev. J. H. Kohn was sent there as missionary. He resigned after eight months' service, and Rev. J. E. Shenk was then called and entered on the work April 1st, 1894. The Board paid for a few months $50 a month on the salary, but this amount has now been reduced to $30 a month. The congregation now numbers 70, with 60 in the Sunday-school, and pays monthly about $30 on salary.

In August, 1894, the Virginia Synod, being convinced of the encouraging outlook at Norfolk, proposed that if the Board would give the mission at that point a church building at once, they would pay $2,500 in addition to their regular apportionment into the Board's treasury—this amount to be paid in three annual installments. This generous proposition was accepted by the Board, and after some negotiation a church was bought in the city of Norfolk from the Northern Methodists for $4,500, of which amount the Board is to pay $3,000, the congregation agreeing to pay the balance, and also to improve the property at an expense of about $1,500. To carry out this arangement the Board will borrow $2,500, which loan is to be paid back as fast as the extra pledge of the Virginia Synod comes into our treasury.

It gives us pleasure to state that the gentleman who loaned this $2,500 for Norfolk donated the first year's interest, amounting to $150, to the congregation in Atlanta to assist in the purchase of a lot for the mission church in that city. It is at his own request that his name is withheld.

ATLANTA, GA.

On the removal of the Secretary to Atlanta in the fall of 1892 a congregation was organized which has grown to 75 in membership, with 35 in the Sunday-school. The congregation has regularly paid $20 on the salary. Commendable progress having been made in the development of this work, the congregation has been encouraged to purchase a lot in order that the Board may erect a suitable church thereon.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

In May, 1894, Asheville, N. C., was referred to this Board by the North Carolina Synod, with the request that we look after

their interests at that point, where a congregation had been regularly organized but never supplied with a regular pastor. Investigation proving that further work would be justified, Rev. L. E. Busby was secured as missionary, the salary being for the first three months $50 from the Board and $25 from the congregation each month—the amount paid by the Board to be reduced to $40 after the first three months, and thereafter the Board to get the benefit of any increase in the payment of the congregation. This work has been vigorously pushed by Rev. Mr. Busby, and the congregation now numbers 43, with 36 in the Sunday-school. A fund for the purchase of a lot is being collected, and the people are very anxious that the Board provide them with a church at an early day.

BRISTOL, MORRISTOWN, GREENVILLE AND JOHNSON CITY.

The policy of the Board, as outlined at the meeting in Knoxville, for the employment of two missionaries for these points, was not immediately carried out, Rev. J. L. Murphy being retained as missionary for the whole circuit for a time. Upon his resignation it was decided, after full consultation with the Holston Synod, that the territory of this mission field should be divided—putting Bristol into a charge with two country churches, thus leaving Morristown, Greenville and Johnson City to constitute another charge. After considerable delay the Rev. J. C. Barb was secured as pastor of the last named points, and he has faithfully served this work since the spring of 1895. The Board supplements his salary to the extent of $25 a month. The membership of each congregation is growing under his care, and a church building is being erected at Greenville, and another will soon be begun at Johnson City.

OUR HOME MISSIONARIES.

As shown above there are at present six home missionaries, besides the General Secretary, employed by the Board. Their salaries are set and paid by the Board, and the contributions to their salaries from the congregations are paid into the treasury of the Board. The missionaries have been diligent and efficient and have promptly and regularly furnished full monthly statements of their work. We are glad that men of such experience and ability have been secured for these important home mission stations.

STATISTICS OF THE MISSIONS.

	MEMBERS.		Value of Property	DEBT.		MONTHLY SALARY.	
	Cong.	S.S.		Cong.	Board.	Cong.	B'rd.
Knoxville	95	95	10,000.00				
Augusta	116	90	12,500.00	$1,000.00		$45.50	$15.00
Richmond	153	132	15,000.00	7,300.00		50.00	25.00
Trinity, Richmond	30	72	1,500.00	800.00		10.00	
Winston	116	100	12,000.00	1,400.00	$1,000.00	25.00	50.00
Norfolk	70	60	4,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	30.00	30.00
Atlanta	75	35				20.00	
Asheville	43	36				25.00	40.00
Bristol	16						
Greenville	24		2,000.00			36.66	25.00
Johnson City	22						
Morristown	33	48	2,000.00	800.00			
	793	668	59,500.00	12,800.00	4,000.00	242.16	185.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our last report closed with the statement that Rev. J. A B. Scherer, our first missionary, was at Tokyo, studying the Japanese language, and that a second, Rev. R. B. Peery, had been chosen, and if ordained by the Virginia Synod during the summer of 1892 would be sent out. In this report we outlined the interesting story of the *actual beginning of our Mission*, a story which the letters of our missionaries have made familiar to you all, but which must be here put into a permanent record.

In August, 1892. Mr. Scherer asked permission to visit the island of Cyushyu, especially the town of Ogi, near Saga, to which his attention had been drawn by Dr. Bradbury, of the M. P. Ch., then employed in the school at Saga. He reached Saga November 9th. This "is a large, handsome city, with 25,000 inhabitants," with good railroad communications. "The Christian work done in Saga consists in work done by Roman Catholics, the Northern Am. Meth., the Church of England and the United Church, Dutch Reformed. The work is done by natives, and there were not more than 50 Christians in the city. There had never been a foreign missionary there as a resident."

The very day that Mr. Scherer arrived at Saga Dr. Bradbury received a call from his church to remove to Kobe. He offered if Mr. Scherer would fill his unexpired contract in the school, to recommend him for the place, and to turn over to him his

house and "the entire control of the results of his Christian teaching."

Of the house he says: "It is really a large house, thoroughly renovated by B. It is a model of convenience. He uses only half of it, and then has enough room for a family as large as your own. The other half of it was so arranged as to be divided into three large rooms, or converted into one large hall. The location is excellent. The rent is six yen."

Mr. Scherer was strongly advised by Rev. Mr. Oltmans, of the Dutch Reformed mission, to settle at Saga instead of Ogi.

The salary offered in the school was 80 yen a month. An official position in the school also insured a passport.

Mr. Scherer was directed to accept the offer, and the beginning of 1893 found him settled in the school at Saga. He began his work there on the anniversary of his departure from America. Besides his labors as a teacher of English, he was able to organize two Bible classes, one among the pupils and the other among the teachers. Mr. Scherer was allowed to deduct from the salary paid him at the school 25 yen a month for necessary expenses incidental to that work, and the balance is paid into the treasury of the mission, subject to the order of the Board. But after August, 1893, he declined to do so, and paid over the full amount of his salary, which, after March, 1894, became 40 yen a month, upon the renewal of the contract with modifications which left him with more time for his especial work and fewer duties in the school. We are satisfied that by his connection with the school many advantages have been secured for our mission, and indulge the hope that a permanent impression will be made by our missionary on more than one of the young men with whom he is brought so closely in contact.

Mr. Peery set sail from San Francisco and joined Mr. Scherer in Tokyo in November, 1892. February 12, 1893, Mr. Scherer reports that with Mr. Peery's entire concurrence, Yamanouchi San, formerly an Elder of the Comberland Presbyterian Church, had been engaged as a native helper, at a salary of 25 yen a month, and his wife as "Bible woman," at a salary of six yen a month.

In the spring of 1893 Mr. Peery joined Mr. Scherer at Saga. And the same letter reports the beginning of a translation of the Catechism into Japanese. March 26, 1893, the first convert, Sheinizu Tokumatsu, was baptized. A "preaching place" in Saga was rented and simply furnished, and regular services were begun by Yamanouchi San in the presence and under the direction of the missionaries. At the request of the people living

there, Wakatsu, a considerable town five miles from Saga, where no regular Christian work had been carried on, was visited and a few Christians found, and regular services were begun. Mr. Peery proved to be a very diligent student and a zealous missionary, and in a very short time endeavored to preach in Japanese. Mr. Sherer was slower to make the attempt, but has at length succeeded, though most of the work has to be done through natives. The Catechism was published and is largely used, and Mr. Peery has completed, with the help of competent scholars, a translation of our Service and the Orders of Ministerial Acts, with necessary explanations of their meaning, which is now undergoing a further revision before final publication.

In the course of time a preaching place was rented and work was begun at a village called Ienakizu, which has since been given up. Later, a preaching place has been begun at Ogi, and a second station at Saga; where for awhile an earlier station had been closed because of persecution. The gratifying intelligence has been received that our Christian community at Saga has established another preaching place in that city.

A journey of exploration towards the important city of Kurume has been made, and it is the intention of the Board to push our work in that direction. May 1, Suzuki San, a graduate of a Presbyterian school at Tokyo, was engaged as our second native helper, at a salary of fourteen yen a month.

July, 1894, Mr. Sherer was married, with consent of the Board, to Miss Bessie Brown, daughter of a Presbyterian pastor in Ohio, and a teacher in the Presbyterian mission at Yamaguchi. May 15, 1895, a daughter was born to them at Saga.

In the summer of 1894 Mr. Peery informed us that he was engaged to marry, and asked the good offices of the Board to induce the parents of the young lady to whom he was engaged to marry to let her come out to him. This the parents were not willing to do. Thereupon he asked permission to return to this country during the present summer at his own expense and take his wife back at the expense of the Board. There were reasons why the Board thought it questionable whether Mr. Peery's health and temperament were entirely suited to his work and for this reason, as well as because of their inability to bear the additional expense, an answer to his request was postponed until the spring, and he was advised meanwhile to consider whether his condition of health was such as to encourage his permanent residence abroad. When spring came the President of the Board returned the following answer to his request (*extracted from*

a much fuller letter): "We advise you to postpone your return to America for at least one year. If it were possible for me to talk the matter over with you, I could set before you the reasons which led to this decision much more gently than by writing them. But as so long a time necessarily intervenes between our communications with each other, I feel it necessary to go into a somewhat extended statement of these reasons. In the first place you will observe that the Board has entered into no engagement to send out a wife to any of our missionaries, and however they may desire to do this, and may consider it advisable either for the sake of the missionary or the mission, the Board will have to be governed in any case by the condition of its own treasury and the needs of the mission itself. I think you do quite realize the amount of expenses which assent to your proposition would involve. Although you propose to come back to this country at your own expense, if you were to remain in this country in our service, it would involve your traveling expenses while here; (2) the traveling expenses of your wife and self on your return; (3) the furniture of another residence; (4) the annual rental of another house; and (5) the increase of annual salary. That is to say, that your request is that the Board shall now engage within the next six months to incur an additional expense of probably no less than $1.000. I am sorry to say that we are utterly unable to do this. It is not only that we hesitate about undertaking permanent expenses in addition to that which we have already undertaken, in the face of the near expiration of our term of office, and feel that all such arrangements should be left to our successors, but we have not the money in hand, nor know whither to turn for it, and have good reason to believe that to undertake this additional expense for this purpose would not meet with the approval of the ministry and the churches.

* * * Holding as we do that we have no right to incur expenses as a church or a church board, in the expectation that God will supply the means, unless in obedience to an unmistakable call of God, it is my opinion that there is no course open to us but to say that we cannot afford it. It does not seem to me that three years is too long a time to ask a missionary to remian in the foreign field before revisiting his native country for any reason whatever. I believe that the general opinion of the church will agree with us that a quicker return will be an unjustifiable expenditure of money."

In reply to this, Mr. Peery announced his intention to break the contract he had made with the Board, and return to this country. As in this letter he said that he would be without

money when he reached his home, and it appeared right that he should be allowed to make his own explanations to the Board, and he had left us no opportunity to communicate with him before he would leave Japan, he was directed to report to us as soon as he reached this country, on the mission and on the reasons which he alleged required his return. Three months' notice was given that on September 1st the Board would no longer feel bound to continue his salary.

The Board met at Columbia, S. C., July 24, 1895, all the members being present. Mr. Peery was introduced, asked to make any statement he pleased, and questioned with regard to the mission, and to the reasons for his return. The following was the unanimous conclusion of the Board:

"We place upon record our disapproval of Mr. Peery's action in returning to this country in opposition to the instructions of the Board. Inasmuch as by his action he has broken his contract with our Board, we hereby approve of the action of our Chairman in notifying him that his salary will cease on September 1st, but we refer the question of his continuance in the Japan mission to the new Board to be elected at the approaching Convention of the United Synod."

We are informed that Mr. Peery was married August 21st.

We append the following report which, at our request Mr. Peery prepared, because of its interesting description of our mission, and as a fair specimen of the work he has done while in our employment.

THE LUTHERAN MISSION IN JAPAN.

The empire of Japan is composed of four large islands and hnndreds of smaller ones lying in the neighboring seas. Our mission is located on the second largest island of the group called Kyushu. It occupies the most southernly position, and is consequently warmer and more tropical than the main portion of the empire. The whole island is about as large as the state of Virginia. The climate is mild and damp. In the winter season it is chilly and wet, but not really cold. Snow falls in very small quantities occasionally, but does not lie on the ground more than a few hours at the longest. The autumn season is delightful. Spring is perhaps the hardest season on foreigners; as it is the rainy season, and the atmosphere is very damp and oppressive. With the coming of the warm season there is a feeling of lassitude and depression that seems to take all the life out of one. The summer is very hot, and little work is attempted at that season.

Our mission has its headquarters in the old city of Saga, in the province of Hizen. The city is situated in the midst of a huge rich plain, in which some of the best rice in Japan is grown. It is consequently very low and damp—almost swampy. The plain itself is perfectly level, not a hill or rolling prairie breaks its continuity. But ten miles away to the west there is a beautiful range of mountains, which, while not especially high, are extensive, and furnish plenty of fresh pure air for the plains. On the east of us is an arm of the sea—Shimabara gulf. There is a native shipping port just four miles from our city to which large native steamers come each day. In addition to these boats we have the Kyushu railway running through our town and giving direct connection with the outside world. Good trains leave our city, going both north and south, about every two hours. Our means of transportation and communication with the outer world are good.

The city of Saga itself is large and roomy. All the old castle towns of Japan were built with a large open space in the centre, which was the castle grounds, and in the centre of which the castle was situated. The city then was built around this, and there was this large open space left in the centre, as it were the lungs of the city. Its population is about forty thousand. In former days it was a much more important city than it is at the present. With the fall of feudal Japan Saga's glory departed, and under the new regime she has not prospered as she did in former days. She has played a very important part in the history of the country. From the beginning she has furnished the nation some of her strongest men, and the city is proud of her history. It is a very clannish place. Sagamen generally want to live and die in Saga, and if people come in from the outside they have a hard time trying to gain social or business position. It is one of the most conservative cities in the whole empire. There is no place that holds on to the old system with more pertinacity and devotion. This extreme conservatism makes the work of evangelization hard. The chief business of Saga is exchanging the rice which grows in such quantities in the surrounding plains. Our rice is famous and is much sought after in the markets. Our rice exchange corresponds to the American stock exchange. Besides the rice, the usual lines of business found in a city of that size are carried on there; but Saga is not considered a good city for the business man. Our city is quite an educational centre. First there is the Chu Gakko, or Middle School, that corresponds with the American academy. It has about five hundred young men in attendance yearly. It has recently erected fine

new buildings, and is a well equipped school. The faculty is large and competent. Mr Sherer has taught English in this school ever since he went to Saga. The students are drawn from the whole province. Besides this school there is a large Normal School which admits only those who expect to become teachers. The attendance is about seventy-five. Then there is a good military school for young men. There is also a higher school for young ladies that has a goodly number of students. Below all of these there are two grades of primary schools, all well equippid and managed, and all the children of the city attend them. Japanese law requires that all children be in school up to a certain age. It is proper that I should mention the Christian work that is in the city, besides our own. The Dutch Reformed mission has had a church there for thirty years, and one of their evangelists has lived there continually. They had never had a foreign missionary there before we went there, but since our going they have sent a family there also. Their work is not prospering. It was in a better condition twenty years ago than it is now. The English church has also had an evangelist there for many years, and it has probably one dozen members. Its work has long been at a standstill. The Methodists have a chapel in the city, and three or four members. The ubiquitous Catholics also have a chapel there, very near ours, and claim a very large following; but we do not know what they have.

Our mission went into this city in January, 1893. As you know, its force is quite small—containing only three foreign workers and three natives. With Rev. Sherer and myself you are well acquainted. Mrs. Sherer is a valuable addition to our working force. Her knowledge of the language is very good, and she uses it well. She is most earnest and zealous and although she has been in our city only a little while she has made many acquantances, and has a good influence.

We have already told you many things of our first helper, Mr. Yamanouchi. I do not see how we could have gotten a man better adapted to our wants than he. He is in middle life, strong and active, and is one of the most earnest and hardworking Japanese pastors I know. Although he has never had a systematic course in theology he has a good knowledge of its fundamental truths, is well acquainted with his Bible, and is a thoroughly sound evangelical man. We prize him more and more as we come to know him better. His wife is our Bible woman. She is much younger than her husband, and is quite earnest and energetic. She has no children, so she can devote all her time to our work. Her work is very hard as the Saga women have never

yet known much of Christianity or been accustomed to attend to such things. A good work ought to be done among the girls and women of our city finally by patience and perseverance; but our work so far in this line has not been very satisfactory.

The past spring we secured the services of another helper—Mr. Suzuki. He is a young single man about thirty years of age. He had just completed the three years course in theology in the large Presbyterian school in Tokyo, and is well prepared for his work. Of course the fact that he has been trained in a Presbyterian school is not very satisfactory in some respects. We would prefer men of Lutheran training, but they are not to be had. If we have any helpers at all we must use men trained in other schools. Mr. Suzuki is a man of consecration and zeal, and of sound evangelical faith, and he is doing a good work for us.

We were very fortunate in the location of our first chapel. The house we rented was old and dilapidated, but its location was excellent. Just as in the mercantile world the location has much to do with the success of the enterprise, so in mission work the location is an important matter. For, at first we reached only those people in the neighborhood, and those who are passing by. We fixed up our house until we have a tolerably good looking place now, and everyone speaks of it as being the best located chapel in the city. We have the following services each week: Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, Sunday-school, at 10, morning service, intended primarily for Christians, but anyone is welcome to attend; Sunday afternoon at 4, catechetical class. On Thursday evening we have an evangelistic service calculated to reach unbelievers. The attendance at this service is usually good, and recently it has been unusually good. Heretofore most of the people have hesitated about coming into the house and sitting down, but have simply stood on the streetside and listened. But lately large numbers have come into the house and sat down, staying until the conclusion of the service. The average attendance at the service is about fifty, but often much larger. At our morning service the ordinary attendance is about fifteen, but that is much better than any other chapel in the city. The attendane at Sunday-school is confined almost exclusively to the children of the Christians, and is quite small. One very encouraging feature about our school is that most of the grown people attend as regularly as the children and take much interest in the lessons. Some of the most interesting fruitful work I have done in Japan is teaching a Bible class in this school, composed of grown men and women. They study the scriptures very closely and have very intelligent notions about

them. Our present communicant membership in the city of Saga is twelve. One has died from our flock there, and one has removed to Yokohama.

Our second chapel in Saga is also excellently located in a part of the city about one mile from the first chapel. It is not so good a place to catch crowds of people but is more isolated in its location. Only those will come there who have a real interest in the truth there taught. The chief advantage we hope to derive from this chapel is that it is a place where inquirers can come in that part of the city to have long private talks with Christian ministers, undisturbed. We have a preaching service there each Monday evening, but the attendance is small. On Sunday afternoon we have a little Sunday-school there also.

We have had work in Wakatsu almost as long as in Saga itself. At first it was the most promising of all our work. We baptised ten or twelve persons there and hoped to have a church there right soon; but all of them removed to other fields, and we have only two faithful members left there now. The class of people that one generally reaches in Japan is the migratory class. It is very seldom that a man becomes a Christian in the place in which he was brought up. The reason for this is that the opposition of family and kindred is too great at home for a man to take such a step; but when he gets among new geople he does not care so much. The people we reached in Wakatsu were of this migratory class. Three of them were telegraph operators, and were ordered elsewhere by the government. All operators in Japan are government employees and are liable to be sent elsewhere at any time. At present we hold two services per week in Wakatsu; one on Sunday morning for the Christians, and those specially interested, and one Saturday night for unbelievers. The latter service is well attended. This is one of the most pleasant chapels we have. The building is new and nice, the people are generally well behaved, and most important of all one can rely upon having an audience there. This is only at the open meeting though—at the Sunday morning meeting the attendance is exceedingly small. I think Wakatsu is a fairly good place to reach people with the Gospel, but they are not permanent dwellers there; and the prospect for building up a church there is quite dark.

We also have regular weekly services in a town called Ogi, about eight miles from Saga. This town is beautifully located at the base of an immense mountain, and is probably the healthiest place in our plain. Its population is rural and numbers about three thousand souls. Our preaching place there is well

located, but almost no interest is taken in our services, and we have no hold whatever there.

We have recently begun work in a town called Kubota just midway between Saga and Ogi. There are about two thousand people in this town, most of them poor farmers. We have one service each week there, but little interest has been manifested as yet. As a general thing I think the work in the towns less promising than in the cities. The material to work on seems to be much poorer, and the people are so ignorant. It seems to me that their material condition will have to be better before they will become earnest Christians.

We have several other places in mind where we hope to begin work as soon as a favorable opportunity presents itself. I tried to rent a chapel in a place in the neighberhood of Saga called Kanzaki recently, but failed completely. I hope we may yet get in there. It was very hard to gain admission to these conservative old towns. One of our men who was formerly a telegraph operator at Wakatsu is now a telegraph operator in the growing young port of Moji, and he has a class of Bible students whom he instructs regularly, and we hope by his influence to get a hold in that city soon. But this place is so far away that it would necessitate our putting an evangelist there exclusively for that work, and we have not the man.

The above is an accurate account of the external condition of our mission; I will also try to give you some idea of its internal condition. Mission work has its full share of disappointments and trials. Men with whom we have labored and for whom we have prayed for months often grievously disappoint us. One is liable to be imposed upon by the wily heathen in many ways, and there is a certain kind of knowledge which can only be learned by experience. In our inexperienced period it was to be expected that we would make mistakes, and I freely confess that we did. We endeavored to use every care and precaution; but after developments showed that we had been premature in admitting to membership certain parties. Four or five people who we admitted to full communion with the church fell entirely away, and I doubt if they ever had any real true interest in Christianity. I am glad that these people are all removed from Saga now, and are not a continual eyesore to us.

In Japan, as here at home we have our lukewarm Christians, who cause us no little anxiety. Buddhism did not teach its adherents to attend the temples regularly and these people are by nature and antecedents inclined to be negligent about attending divine worship. They have never been brought to see the necess-

ity of regular attendance at divine worship, and many of them think that it really does not matter. We have in our boby one or two members who are very negligent in this matter.

One of the most discouraging features in connection with the work is the impure motives of many of our inquirers. A common motive is to learn English. The average Japanese youth is exceedingly anxious to learn English, and he will simulate a deep interest in Christianity in order to accomplish his end. He will come and talk Christianity to you by the hour, if you will talk in English. I generally test the sincerity of such fellows by stipulating that all our study is to be in Japanese, and then four out of five of them lose their interest at once. These men will often go ahead and study Christianity, pretend to believe it thoroughly and even receive baptism and come into full connection with the church—ostensibly earnest Christian men, but in reality students for the English language who have joined the church for the superior opportunity which it gives them of association with the foreigner, and exploiting their English. I am generally suspicious of work among young men, especially if it is through the medium of the English language. Other people come and enquire who have even more worldly motives—hoping to gain some material advantage from you. The extremest example of this that I have known occured at Wakatsu, where a man who had attended chapel regularly for several weeks and seemed apparently much interested in Christianity asked one of the Christians there when *pay day* came around. When informed that there was no such thing he said he would stop coming then, and has not appeared there since. In these and in other ways our work has its discouragements.

But there is a brighter side and it is far the larger one. Many features in connection with our work show a real earnest Christian spirit on the part of the converts and make the heart of the missionary glad. The majority of our people are very faithful in their attendance at church; they heartily participate in our services, and seem very anxious to be instructed in the word of God. They gladly take advantage of any opportunity to study the Bible with an instructor, and are painstaking and appreciative in their study. Of course they read their Bible privately also; but they say that there are many things that they cannot understand without a teacher. Each Sunday we take up a collection and nearly everyone gives something. Most of our people are poor, and their contributions are very liberal in consideration of their means. Many incidents point to a real change of heart and life.

Before closing I want to say a little about the special needs of our mission, and by way of introduction I want to caution against reasoning that mission work in Japan is analogous to that in India or Africa. The only experience our Lutheran Church of America has had with foreign missions heretofore has been in those countries, and you are apt to think that the method of evangelization, the needs and requirements of a mission in Japan, are similar to those in the two countries above named. And yet you could make no greater mistake. The conditions in Japan are just as different from those of Africa as the conditions in America are, and the methods which obtain in Africa would be no more adapted to Japan than they would to America. You cannot reason that because a little mission like ours at Muhlenburg seems well adapted to Africa that a like small force working along similar lines would succeed in Japan. You cannot reason that because certain lines of work have proved fruitful in India they will also prove fruitful in Japan. And yet I think that the majority of our friends at home when speaking and writing about our mission always reason from analogy of our Indian and African missions. The Japanese people are entirely different from those of Africa or India. They are more or less civilized and educated, and cannot be dealt with as you deal with ignorant people. The very nature of the people and the circumstances under which they live demand a mission polity peculiar to Japan. Even if we should feel personally inclined to follow more closely the models approved in other fields we cannot do so because of precedent. We went to Japan at a late day; the policy of conducting mission work was already established, and we are compelled more or less to fall in with it. For these reasons you must not expect that what succeeds in India or Africa would succeed equally as well in Japan.

The first need of our work that I would mention is more workers. Two men and one woman may be sufficient to run a mission well at Muhlenburg, Africa, but they cannot do it in Japan. The large boards have used men and money freely in Japan, and the precedent is established. If a mission works along independent lines it must have a certain amount of missionary machinery, and it must have men to run it. We ought to have at the very least one more minister, and one single lady in our work. A single lady could do a good work in Saga among the girls and women, just in private house to house teaching, and I hope we can have one single lady soon. With one single woman and another minister we would be pretty well equipped for work as far as foreign workers are concerned.

Then we need more money to spend on the field. It is useless under present conditions for a foreigner to attempt to work in Japan except through native evangelists, and there ought to be at least two native workers to every foreign one. Then money is needed to rent chapels, etc.

The most troublesome question before us is in regard to training helpers. If we prosecute our work independently of all bodies now at work in Japan and establish a true Lutheranism there such as will be influential for good, and will accomplish the purpose for which we went to Japan, we must train our own workers independently. Any of the present theological schools would be glad to train our men for us; but if we permit them to do so it will be hard to preserve a pure Lutheranism. Now when we have only two men in the field we can't afford to set one apart for theological teaching; and we ourselves cannot attend to the evangelistic work and teaching at the same time. Even if we could we could not get the students under those conditions. Young men would not come to us to study theology at irregular hours just when we could attend to them in a poorly equipped little school, when well equipped and manned schools were invitting them to go elsewhere. This is the problem before us. We are at present too small to support our own school, and yet if we continually use men from other schools there is no reason for our separate existence there. It is a question that the Mission Board will have to solve in the near future.

In conclusion I would say that our chief needs are faith, patience and prayer: faith in the power and promises of God, faith that is not balked by difficulties and trials but continually awaits and expects a final triumph; patience that will not demand a harvest as soon as the seed is sown, but is contented to wait until the harvest time; prayer that takes hold upon God and prevails with him, securing his constant protectiou, guidance and nourishment of the work in which we are engaged.

R. B. PEERY.

Saga, Japan, June 10th, 1895.

And in order to complete the story, we append two extracts from the latest letters of Mr. Scherer:

"Increased attendance at our chapel has obliged us to make more pews. You will be interested to hear that our people have themselves, with my endorsal, rented a place for preaching in the most thickly populated parts of the town, looking to us to meet only occasional expenses. The first meeting was held last night under favorable circumstances. They originated the plan themselves and secured the house. The Sunday morning collec-

tions go towards paying the rent. We now preach regularly at six different places. We do not wish to increase this number for the present. I visited Wakatsu last week and organized a catechetical class with the heads of two families as members. I may say that the project as to renting a chapel is a very unusual thing in Japan. Our people are in truth unusually earnest Christians.

"My relations with the school are more intimate and pleasant than ever before. Fifteen of the teachers were at my house one evening last week, and twenty of the boys on another evening. The principal had a talk with me about mission work, and a new teacher has asked for Bible instruction. I do not think any foreigner was ever before invited to the commencement exercises of the school. They are very different from our own, only high officers among the Japanese being invited, along with the fathers and brothers of the graduating class, and the alumni of the school.

"I give weekly instruction in Lutheran theology to our two helpers, using the outlines of Dr. Jacobs' book and referring frequently to the Augsburg Confession. I hope they may subsequently receive ordination. Please give me your opinion on that.

"We had communion service today, there being fourteen communicants. A number of our people are ill and could not come. One man got up out of his bed—he lives near by—and came for the sacrament. I was alarmed, as he tottered and could hardly sit up; but he got home none the worse, apparently, for his earnestness. We now have six applications for baptism. Two are the wife and child—a lad of seventeen—of a very respectable merchant whom I baptized today. His name is Nishimuta. Two others are a physican and his wife. This man—Dr. Totiuka—has studied of Christianity off and on for nine years past, and has a thoroughly good name. He was reached through one of our members. The other two are a man and his wife in Wakatsu, he being a member of my catechetical class there. All of these people will wait until fall. The proprietor of a house of ill repute in Wakatsu has been led through our preaching to give up his business. He does not *intend* to give it up; he has already done so. He has not yet signified any desire of becoming a Christian. Our work is in a wonderfully hopeful condition.

"There are six stations where work is regularly carried on. One of these is supported entirely by the native church. There are thirty-one communicants on our record book. Of these, eleven were added during the year 1894. Three Sunday-schools are maintained, comprising about sixty scholars. Taking "ad-

herents'' in a broad sense, including children and all, I should put the sum at about one hundred. Three students attend classes in theology (including one or two helpers). Six attend a class for special Bible study. Catechetical classes, averaging about six members each, are held in two places. Our Christians have a class for Bible study; and there is a woman's society meeting under Mrs. Scherer's care every week. Mrs. Scherer is further responsible for one of the Sunday-schools, and last year had, in addition, two classes of women and girls each week. Too much cannot be said in praise of our helpers. They are thoroughly competent, earnest and consecrated. To their efforts is largely due the degree of success to which the mission has attained.''

In Mr. Scherer's last letter, (dated August 16) he reports a great storm in the Ken in which Saga is situated, by which 4,500 houses were demolished, and our mission house and chapels suffered damage. Mr. Scherer attended the General Conference of Missionaries from China, Japan and Corea, at Arima, this summer, and was appointed one of the board of managers for the coming year. He was glad to note a more conservative tone than was noticeable in former conferences. He reports also the prevalence of cholera in Japan.

We cheerfully record our high appreciation of the character and work of Missionary Scherer.

REPORT OF REV. J. A. B. SCHERER AS TREASURER OF THE MISSION IN JAPAN.

MONEY RECEIVED (Jap. Yen.)				MONEY EXPENDED (Jap. Yen.)			
	1893.	1894.	1895. †		1893.	1894.	1895.
Drafts from America	533.04	555.38	315.05	Trav. exp	100.96	57.44	5.62
Sundries	20.08	8.08	.....	House acct	106.65	160.93	59.57
School*	689.82	600.00	240.00	Furniture	158.80	63.10	90.76
Sale of furniture	90.15	.....	.....	Helpers	326.14	391.22	330.20
Interest	1.03	.....	12.00	Rents	217.43	221.81	113.70
Scherer and Peery contributed	27.00	.....	.....	Literature	23.88	3.34	9.60
Native ch.	.....	.....	1.65	Health and teacher	213.85	.....	.57
				Catechism	23.36	1.20	.....
				Sundries	120.21	26.27	100.11
				The Service	.....	44.74	6.00
	1,361.12	1,163.46	568.70		1,293.98	979.15	716.13

* Earned by Mr. Scherer. † August 1, 1895.

STATISTICS OF JAPAN MISSION.

FIELD OF OPERATIONS, ISLAND OF KYUSHYU, CITY OF SAGA, AND VICINITY.	Ordained Missionaries.	Unordained Native helpers.	Stations.	Communicants.	Added last year.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in Sunday-schools.	Total Native Communicants.	Pupils under instruction.	Monthly Salaries of Missionaries.	Monthly Salaries of helpers.
	2	3	6	31	11	3	60	100	21	$150.00*	46 yen.

* In gold.

The Board could not complete its report without mention of the extraordinary support it has received from Grace Church, Winchester. It has paid the whole salary of Mr. Peery; it pledges itself also to the support of one helper and to the rental of five preaching places: and has added many special gifts besides. The salary of its missionary until July, 1896 has already been paid into our treasury.

The Board has received from the estate of Mr. Geo. Miller, of Winchester $500, to be used in purchasing a place of worship in Japan, the interest to be devoted to paying rent for such a place until one shall be purchased. Inquiry has been made concerning the practicability of such a purchase in Japan, and meanwhile the lagacy has been invested in six hundred dollar bonds of the city of Charleston; interest $24 per annum, and present value $570.

MISSION PROBLEMS.

Many subjects of great interest have occupied the letters between the missionaries and the Board. They have written of their manner of life, of their studies and of their converts; and as far as possible we have endeavored to spread their letters before the churches. On several subjects they have frankly debated with the Board. Mr. Scherer, as the senior in the service has been recognized as head of the mission, and is its Treasurer. But both missionaries reported directly to the Board, and each received his salary directly, and every subject has been discussed with both on an equality. They have been forbidden to undertake any work involving new expenditure without special authorization. Several questions will have to be considered by our successors.

1. Mr. Scherer has asked that his salary increase with the size

of his family, and states that this is usual in other missions.

2. The Board has taken the ground that in opening new work it is always desirable to begin only in towns and villages not already occupied by other missions, which course—our missionaries say—is contrary to usage in Japan, but which we still consider prudent and scriptural.

3. Some arrangements will have to be made to train native workers in our own mission. It has been suggested that we might add a teacher of theology in the school of the Dutch Reformed Church of Nagasaki.

4. The question of the *organization* of the native congregation is imminent.

5. And Mr. Scherer has stated the question of the *ordination* of one helper.

In conclusion, the Board urges upon the churches, the synods and the societies the extreme importance of meeting the regular expenses of the mission, before devoting money contributed to special purposes. And we would suggest that our work would be improved if our ministers, and their helpers in our congregations, would use every opportunity to study the history and science of Modern Missions, and especially the peculiar conditions of a Christian mission in Japan.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF R. G. CHISOLM, TREASURER.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1892, TO SEPTEMBER 10, 1895.

HOME ACCOUNT.

Received from J. D. Cappelmann, Treasurer	$154 01
By Contribution Account	9,418 36
By Interest from Bank Deposits	32 53
By Asheville, N. C., church toward pastor's salary	215 00
By Atlanta, Ga., church toward pastor's salary	540 00
By Augusta, Ga., church toward pastor's salary	469 00
By Bristol, Tenn., church toward pastor's salary	254 65
By Morristown, Tenn., church toward pastor's salary	99 95
By Norfolk, Va., church toward pastor's salary	618 00
By Richmond, Va., 1, church toward pastor's salary	1,545 50
By Richmond, Va., 2, church toward pastor's salary	247 50
By Winston, N. C., church toward pastor's salary	858 80
By Norfolk, Va., church investment account	510 00
By Winston, N. C., church investment account	1,039 90
	16,003 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Asheville, N. C., church, salary of pastor	$575 00
To Atlanta, Ga., church, salary of pastor and Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary	1,772 75
To Augusta, Ga., church, salary of pastor	794 00
To Bristol, Tenn., church, salary of pastor	763 05
To Morristown, Tenn., church, salary of pastor	249 95
To Norfolk, Va., church, salary of pastor	1,386 52
To Richmond, Va., 1, church, salary of pastor	2,417 00
To Richmond, Va., 2, church, salary of pastor	625 00
To Winston, N. C., church, salary of pastor	2,833 80
To Norfolk, Va., church, investment account	545 00
To Richmond, Va., church, interest account	180 00
To Winston, N. C., church, investment account	2,677 15
To expense account, stationery, printing, traveling expenses, etc.	756 76
Cash on hand	427 22
	16,003 20

FINANCIAL STATEMEMT OF R. G. CHISOLM, TREASURER.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1892, TO SEPTRMBER 10, 1895.

FOREIGN ACCOUNT.

Balance received from Mr. J. D. Cappelmann, Treas	$956 54
Receipts from contribution account	9,380 98
Receipts from interest on savings bank deposits	77 80
Receipts from legacy estate G. F. Miller	534 00
	10,949 32

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Rev. J. A. B. Scherer*	$3,032 59
To Rev. R. B. Peery	2,884 68
To Native Helper	49 00
To Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary	1,725 00
To expense account, renting places, stationery, traveling expenses of Sec. of Board, meetings, etc.	998 64
To Legacy invested, purchase of bonds	513 25
Balance on hand	1,746 16
	$10,949 32

ASSETS.

Note of Richmond Mission	$1,000 00
Mortgage on Trinity Church, Augusta, Ga	2,500 00

* Paid to November 1st, 1995.

Mortgage on Knoxville Church	4.000 00
Mortgage on Winston Church	4,000 00
City of Charleston, S. C., 4 per cent. bonds, $600 par value	600 00

CONCLUSION.

It is but proper that we should commend the earnest services of our Secretary; who, however, has been so thoroughly in our confidence, that in commending him, we feel as if we were commending ourselves.

The Board begs leave to say that we do not desire re-election. While not insensible of our great privilege in serving the church in the foundation of her mission in Japan, and in the successful development of the work of Home Missions, we have also felt how heavy the responsibility is. We are deeply thankful to God for His evident blessing. Strong churches are being built up; the services of able helpers have been secured; the women in their societies have earnestly seconded us; our income has steadily increased; greater results are attained by less expenditure than in any other mission field; and while it is true that not half of our resources have been developed, and not a fourth of our territory has been attempted, it has been demonstrated that the United Synod is equal to its duty if it will undertake it in the name of God.

EDWARD T. HORN,
E. A. WINGARD,
R. C. HOLLAND,
H. S. WINGARD,
JOHN D. CAPPELMANN,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
C. M. EFIRD,
L. K. PROBST.

On motion the following committee on the Barrier Estate was appointed: Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer and Ambrose L. Henkel, and Rev C. A. Marks.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer.

NOTE.—Divine Services were held in the Church at 7:30 p. m., at which time addresses were delivered by Rev. L. K. Probst and Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., on the subject of *Christian and Theological Education.*

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Synod was called to order. The President led the Synod in the use of the Matin Service.

The minutes of the first and second sessions were read and approved.

The Secretary read a communication from Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the *South View Orphan Home*, which was referred to Committee on Orphan Home.

Rev. E. Belfour, D. D., having presented his credentials as *visitor* from the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was introduced by the President.

Dr. Belfour addressed the Synod, conveying the greetings of the General Council, referring to the remarkable growth of the Lutheran Church in America, both in numbers and in Lutheran Church consciousness, and expressing the hope of the establishment of still more cordial relations between the several general bodies of our Church.

The President responded in fitting terms and warmly welcomed Dr. Belfour to a seat as an advisory member.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

BRETHREN: We the undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the account of Chas. H. Duls Esq., Treasurer of your body, beg leave to submit the following report:

That we have thoroughly and carefully examined the said account, comparing same with the vouchers and other papers laid before us. That the account has been well kept, and that all payments from the said fund have been made in accordance with

the Constitution, and that there is a balance in his hands due the Synod of $6.90. Respectfully submitted.

L. S. WALKER,
D. E. RIESER,
J. B. O'NEALL HOLLOWAY.
Committee.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Synod presented the following report, which was received and considered by items

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

Your Committee on the Minutes of Last Conventon of this body beg leave to submit the following report:

1. On page 5, the President reports that he had secured a charter of incorporation of this body, which charter was submitted. On page 80, the Committee on President's Report recommended the acceptance of the charter which was adopted, but the form of the charter was not printed in the minutes, as it is the recollection of your committee was ordered. A certified copy of the original documents, both of this and the charter of the Board of Missions (see page 11), should be preserved in the archives of the Synod.

2. The President recommended that the United Syn od interpret and that each district synod confirm the interpretation—that the confession to which a candidate for ordination is bound by his ordination oath shall mean the confessions acknowledged in the doctrinal basis of this body, etc. Have the district synods so confirmed?

3. It was adopted (page 65) that one month be designated by all Sunday-schools in the United Synod as a "Mission Month." Has this been carried out?

4. It was determined that two Sundays in the year (Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November) be set apart for missionary collections, the same to be sent to the Board. Has this been done?

5. The Board of Missions was instructed to make the *Mission News* self-sustaining if possible. What has been done?

6. The Board was instructed to raise annually for Foreign Missions the sum of $6,000, and for Home Missions $4,500. Has the Board done so?

7. What has been done towards the establishment of a Theological Seminary? (See page 82.)

8. What has been done with regard to the proposition of Mr. Terry concerning an Orphan Home at South View? (See pages 87–88.)

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. COX,
S. H. HEARNE,
JOHN P. GOSE.

Item 1. Ordered that the Secretary have a certified copy of the Charter of the United Synod printed in the Minutes.

Item 2. Some have and some have not.

Item 3. Complied with in part.

Item 4. Complied with in spirit.

Item 5. Answer given in Report of Board of Missions.

Item 6. Faithfully endeavored but did not succeed in full.

Item 7. Answered in report of Directors of Theological Seminary,

Item 8. Referred to committee on Orphan Home.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

The committee on Common Service rendered the following report which was received and considered seriatim:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON SERVICE.

The committee on Common Service report:

1. The enclosed statement of W. J. Duffie, publisher, with his check for $159.05.

2. That he proposes to publish an edition with music, which shall incorporate standard tunes contained in the music books called Hermon and Tabor, with two hundred additional tunes, on condition that the transfer of the plates ,&c., of the Service and Book of Worship to this Synod, as provided in our contract with Mr. Duffie, be postponed seven or eight years beyond Feb. 1, 1897, the term fixed in that contract. We cannot recommend the publication of music to our present collection of hymns, which needs revision, or should be superceded by a better.

3. The translation of Luther's Small Catechism agreed upon by a Joint Committee of the three General Bodies has been published. (It is to be found prefixed to the translaion of Loehe's Catechism

published by W. J. Duffie.) It has not been approved by the other bodies; and many suggestions have been referred to the Joint Committee. The Committee, therefore, asks to be continued.

4. A demand has arisen for a cheaper edition of our Book of Worship, especially for distribution in mission congregations, and for introduction into our churches. The committee therefore recommends that Mr. Duffie be directed to publish an edition of the Book of Worship which should be neatly bound and sold for not more than 50 cents a copy—the United Synod receiving no royalty on any of the copies of this edition.

EDWARD T. HORN, *Chairman.*

Item 1. Statement (see below) adopted and ordered that the check be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Request of the Committee granted.

Item 4. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

STATEMEMT OF W. J. DUFFIE, PUBLISHER.

COLUMBIA, S. C., September 10, 1895.

To Edward T. Horn, D. D., Secretary and Chairman of the Publication Committee of the United Synod of the Ev. Lutheran Church in the South:

DEAR SIR: I herewith inclose my report of sales of Book of Worship and Common Service from March 23, 1893, to this day. On March 23, 1893, I had on hand as follows:

Books of Worship, 24 mo. size, bound copies		567
Books of Worship, 24 mo. in sheets, unbound copies		1 700
Books of Worship, pulpit size, in sheets, unbound		254
Books of Worship, pulpit size, bound copies		66
		2 587

I have on hand now, September 10, 1895:

Books of Worship, small size, or 24 mo. size, sheets unbound—*none.*		
Books of Worship, 24 mo. or small size, bound copies	412	
Books of Worship, pulpit size, bound	83	
Books of Worship, pulpit size, sheets, unbound	104	
		599
		1 988
Deduct given away to feeble churches		30
Hence, sales are		1 958

Copyright on sales of 1,958 copies at 8 cents each from Mar. 23, 1893, to Sept. 10, 1895, amount to	$156 64
Commission on Sales of Common Service, 5 per cent. on $48.38	2 41
[As per report of sales, see below.]	
	159 05

To pay above I inclose check for $159.05.

REPORT OF SALES OF COMMON SERVICE

FROM MARCH 23, 1993, TO SEPTEMBER 10, 1895.

Cloth, on hand—Common Service, 24 mo., March 23, 1893, 6 copies; none now, hence sales 6 copies sold at 43⅜ cents	$2 62
Arabesque, plain, 1 copy on hand March 23, 1893; none now, hence 1 sold at	44
Arabesque gilt—26 on hand March 23, 1893; on hand now 14, hence 12 copies sold, as follows: 6 at 72 cents	4 32
6 at 60 cents	3 60
English Turkey—On hand March 23, 1893, 12 copies: on hand now 2, hence sales are 10 copies at 83⅓ cents	8 33
Turkey morocco—3 on hand March 23, 1893; on hand now 3, no sales.	
Small 15-cent Edition—on hand on March 23, 1893, 135 copies; none on hand now, hence 135 sold at 13 cents per copy	17 55

PULPIT EDITION.

Cloth, on hand March 23, 1893, 18 copies; on hand now 12 copies, hence 6 copies have been sold, as follows: 3 at 64 cents and 3 at 53⅓ cents	3 52
Arabesque, plain—on hand March 23, 1893, 38 copies; on hand Sept. 10, 1895, 36 copies, hence sales 2 copies at $1.20 each	2 40
Arabesque, gilt—on hand March 23, 1893, 22 copies; on hand Sept. 10, 1895, 18 copies, hence sales 4 copies at $1.40 each	5 60
Turkey morocco—on hand March 23, 1893, 24 copies; on hand Sept. 10, 1895, 24 copies, hence no sales.	
	48 38

Respectfully,

W. J. DUFFIE.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Common Service be directed to secure the publication of the 15-cent edition of the Common Service.

On motion the consideration of the matter of securing a Book of Worship to be used in common by the several general bodies of Lutherans, was made the first order of business this afternoon.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. Armand Miller.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

The minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the matter of securing a Common Book of Worship was resumed, and the following was adopted:

Resolved, That our Committee on Common Service be instructed to confer with similar committees of other general bodies, or in any other way which may be most proper, concerning the securement of a Common Book of Service throughout, including liturgy, ministerial acts and hymns—or, in other words, a book identically the same—and that they be instructed to be as urgent, and pressing, and prompt as the circumstances will admit of, believing, as we do, that such action would greatly promote the common welfare of the whole church.

The Committee on District Synods reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SYNODS.

We, your Committee on Minutes of District Synods connected with the United Synod, desire to present the following report:

We find but one item claiming the attention of this body at this time, which is an overture from the Virginia Synod, "praying that the United Synod carefully consider the advisability and practicability of securing a revised Book of Worship with tunes."

We, the Committee, recommend that this overture be referred to the Committee on Letters and Petitions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. J. BUSHONG,
V. R. STICKLEY.
M. L. EXLEY.

The report was adopted.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the President issue an order on the Treasurer for $1.10 to pay expressage on package from the former Secretary.

The following with reference to Sunday-school Lessons was adopted:

Whereas, the importance of our Sunday-school work demands the earnest and serious consideration of this body, in order that greater uniformity of study may be secured, and better and more successful results obtained in that department of church work;

Resolved, That we recommend the Augsburg Series of International Lesson Leaves, with the helps belonging to the series, for use in all the Sunday-schools of the United Synod.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. R. B. Peery.

NOTE.—Divine service was held in the church at 7:30 p. m. Revs. L. K. Probst, L. E. Busby, and L. G. M. Miller, D. D., delivered addresses on the subject of *Home Missions*.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Synod met and was led by the President in the use of the Morning Suffrages.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on President's Report offered the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following:

The report of our President is a comprehensive document, giving a full and concise statement of his official acts and an encouraging review of the condition of the United Synod, and calls attention to the following items demanding the action of Synod at this session.

1. The President reminds us of the death of our former Treasurer, Col. P. N. Heilig, which occurred on the 21st of August, 1892, who was an active and efficient participant in the councils of the United Synod.

He also calls attention to the removal by death of Rev. Abel J. Brown, D. D., on the 17th day of July, 1894. A man of ripe Christian character, to whose wise counsels, and efficient services and staunch advocacy of the principles represented by this Synod, we are greatly indebted.

We are also reminded of the death of Rev. Jacob Hawkins, D. D., on the 16th day of July, 1895, a man of scholarly attainments and whose name has been closely connected with the history of our Southern Church.

We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions recording our appreciation of the exalted Christian life, and the eminent services to the United Synod of the South of these three brethren now deceased.

2. The officers of Synod appointed C. H. Duls, Esq., of Charlotte, N. C., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Heilig. We recommend that this action of our officers be hereby ratified by this Synod.

3. The President has called attention to the work of the Orphan's Home, the Synodical Mission work, the location and further equipment of the Theological Seminary, and the overture for practical co-operation submitted by the General Synod. As these items will be presented to this body in the regular order of business we have here no recommendations to offer.

4. We recommend that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the President of Synod for his wise, faithful, and efficient performance of all the duties of the important office to which he was called.

C. H. ROCKEY,
J. A. SNYDER,
J. AUSTIN,
G. W. KOINER.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted, and the following Committee on Memoirs was appointed: Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. L. E. Busby, and Rev. C. A. Marks.

Item 3. No recommendation

Item 4. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Missions reported:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Report of the Board of Missions, with accompanying papers, was placed in our hands for consideration. The following items of said report are submitted for the approval of this body:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday-schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

5. The Board, in its report, gives a detailed and thorough statement of its Home Mission Churches, with interesting statistics. This portion of the report gives great encouragement to that department of its work, and should arouse and awaken our churches to the vast possibilities before us, and should cause a universal response by all our congregations in increased contributions to enable the Board to enter and successfully conduct our work in the many inviting fields within our Southern land.

6. The portion of the report on our Japan Mission is full and definite, and shows conclusively that this work, begun in faith, has the blessing of God upon it. Much is stated to strengthen the effort in this work, and the facts are most cheering and inspiring. This Committee would recommend that the narrative about the Japan Mission, its missionaries, and the future work there be referred to the Board for careful consideration and decision.

7. Though the Board has met with gratifying success, and has accomplished an admirable work with the means at its command, the Treasurer's report forcibly exhibits the fact of a lack of interest, in some quarters, in our missionary efforts. That report shows that one congregation contributed one-third of all the income for Foreign Missions, leaving the balance, $6,600, for all the Synods—an average of 18 cents for the three years, or 6 cents per annum, and that $16,000—the amount for Home Missions—represents the contributions of our membership—an average of 42 cents for the three years, or 14 cents per annum. The Committee recommends that this aspect of our Mission work be earnestly considered by this convention.

8. Your committee bears testimony to the wise, prudent and painstaking labors of the Board in administering the trust committed to them by this body. Much of the success of our missionary efforts is due to their wise management, and we here record our deep and grateful appreciation of the Board and our Secretary for their devoted and tireless interest in our work. We recommend that their report be adopted as a whole.

9. It was the unanimous judgment of your Committee that, in the interest of our work, the present Board should be re-eleceed by this body. but, after a statement made to the Committee, at its request, by the chairman of the Board, the Committee offer the following names for your election on the Board of Missions and Church Extension for the ensuing term:

Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Rev. C. Armand Miller, J. E. Cooper. Esq., Hon. H. S. Trout, Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover.

10. Your Committee further recommend the retention of the services of our present capable and efficient Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
A. G. VOIGT,
J. S. ELMORE,
WM. L. DARR,
B. S. BROWN,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
W. Y. CLINE,
J. E. COOPER,
GEO. B. CROMER,

Item 1. Adopted.

On motion an invitation to visit the Virginia Institu-

tion for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and of the Blind was accepted.

Pending the consideration of the report of the Committee on Missions, Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Marks.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order and opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the report of Committee on Missions was resumed.

Items 2 to 10 were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That each District Synod be requested to print, in separate columns of their parochial tables, the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the Home and Foreign work of the Board of Missions.

Rev. Luther Kuhlman was introduced as fraternal delegate from the General Synod. On motion he was received, and the hour of 11 o'clock to-morrow was set apart to give him an opportunity of addressing the Synod.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D.

NOTE.—Divine services were held at 7:30 p. m. Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., and Rev. C. Armand Miller delivered addresses on the subject of *Foreign Missions*.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Synod was opened, with devotional exercises conducted by the President. Prayer by Rev. O. C. Miller.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following was read, received and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE BARRIER ESTATE.

Your Committee charged with the duty of inquiring into the status of the Barrier Bequest, ask leave to report as follows:

The only information in the possession of the Committee is derived from certain letters addressed to officers of Synod by Mr. C. H. Duls, the executor of the late Capt. Barrier's will. From these letters it appears that the Synod will receive from the estate of Capt. Barrier probably some two or three hundred dollars in money besides the proceeds of certain real estate yet to be sold. This real estate consists of two vacant lots in the city of Charlotte, N. C., estimated at $1,800 for the two, a one-half interest in a 96¼-acre tract of land near the city of Charlotte, the tract estimated at $3,250, two lots at Ivanhoe Furnace, near Wytheville, Va., and several lots at Salem, Va. The executor states that he will sell the lots at Ivanhoe Furnace September 25th, the lot at Salem, Va., September 26th, and the lands at Charlotte September 28. He states also that the lots in Virginia are not rentable, and that he has been unable to find purchasers for them, though he has made strenuous efforts to effect a sale.

Your Committee respectfully recommend:

1. That Maj. W. G. Repass and Hon. Henry S. Trout be requested and authorized to advise with Mr. C. H. Duls, executor, to the end that the sale of the lots at Salem and Ivanhoe Furnace may be as advantageous as practicable; and if, when the property is offered for sale, they find that it is about to sell for less than its value and at a sacrifice, that they be empowered, in the exercise of their discretion, to bid in the lots, or any of them, and take title to the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. The adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Hon. Henry S. Trout, as Treasurer of the Seminary Fund of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, be, and he is hereby authorized, to receive and receipt for all moneys derived under the will of the late Capt. W. A. Barrier and coming to the said Synod; and, in the event that title to any of the real estate sold by C. H. Duls, Esq., as executor of the will of the said W. A. Barrier, is taken in the name of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of

the said Synod, the said Henry S. Trout, as such Treasurer, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute to the said C. H. Duls, as executor, such receipts, acknowledgments, and acquittances as the law may require to protect the said executor and discharge him from further liability in the premises.

3. That the Treasurer of the Seminary Fund be directed to invest the funds received from the estate of Capt W. A. Barrier, and that he hold and use the interest accruing on the same as he shall be ordered from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

4. That all necessary expenses incident to the protection of the Synod's interests as affected by the sale of the Barrier lots in Virginia be paid by the Treasurer of the Seminary Fund, provided that he shall not invest any money in the purchase of such lots.

GEO. B. CROMER,
C. A. MARKS,
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be authorized, in the interim of Synod, to fill any vacancies occurring in said Board either by death or resignation.

A letter was read, from Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., L. L. D., Dean of the Faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, extending an invitation to the United Synod to participate, through representatives, in the exercises of Seminary Day.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the President be authorized to return a proper acknowledgment of the kind invitation of Rev. Dr. Jacobs, of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

The Committee on State of the Church offered the following, which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee on the State of the Church submits the following :

Only a few of the minutes of the District Synods have been handed us, and no papers. Our information has been gained

from reports of the various boards and committees which have been made, and from our personal knowledge of the state of the Church within the bounds of the United Synod. With Gratitude to God we record the facts that there has been, in most of our Synods, a large increase in membership, a more general circulation of our church literature, and more interest manifested in the education of the young people of the Church.

Another cause of gratitude is the fact that a much deeper interest is manifested in the work of Missions, Home and Foreign, by many of our congregations, and that there is shown some realization of the responsibilities arising from our relation to Christ as His stewards.

It is very evident, however, that many who have the solemn vows of baptism resting upon them, which they ratified in confirmation, did not understand or mean what they promised when they covenanted with God to "live, suffer and die, according to His will and word." With deep humiliation we record the fact that many of the communing members of some congregations, as well as of those enrolled in our Sunday-schools, do and give nothing for the spread of the Gospel either in the Home or Foreign field. If the President of each Synod, the pastor of each congregation, the superintendent of each Sunday-school would faithfully present what God says on this subject to those of this number under their respective care the Word of God would "not return unto Him void." Much, very much, more could and would be done for the extension of our Lord's Kingdom, if each one of our $35,000 communicants, and of the members of our Sunday-schools appreciated and prized the privilege of being a servant of the Lord Jesus as did the Apostles after they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and regarded a personal call to work for Him as a most comforting assurance of discipleship.

The opinion of your Committee is that the parochial school is the ideal Lutheran school. At the same time we recognize that many of our congregations are not in a position to properly conduct them. This fact may largely account for the secularization of education to-day: therefore we earnestly urge our Lutheran people to conscientiously support our Lutheran schools, both male and female, fully believing the best possible place for Lutheran children is in distinctively Lutheran schools.

We also urge that the pernicious literature so abundant in these days be unqualifiedly condemned and carefully kept beyond the reach of our young people.

It seems to your Committee that much more missionary work might be done by many of our pastors whose whole time is not

occupied. Many outposts could be supplied, new congregations organized, and souls gathered into the fold by more intelligent effort in this direction.

It is also a matter for thanksgiving that all over our Southern Lutheran Church more attention is being paid to catechetical instruction. As in many places the parochial school is as yet almost impossible, it is the more imperatively demanded that all our pastors attend to the religious training of our sons and daughters if we expect them to grow up into Christ, our Living Head, "as polished stones after the similitude of a palace."

The peculiarities of our times and surroundings tend to encourage the organization of a multiplicity of societies called religious, which are often but indirectly and loosely connected with the Church, the tendency of which is to lessen the attachment and devotion of our young people to the Church, and to lessen their appreciation of its divine authority and superlative importance. In the opinion of your Commitee no religious organization ought to be encouraged among our young people which is not under the direction of the pastor and officers of the congregation.

Other matters which have claimed the attention of your Committee have already been acted upon by your body. In closing our report we beg to say that we have more reasons to here and now raise an Ebenezer to God and more encouragement to pray that the Kingdom of our Lord may come more speedily and gloriously in our future than ever before in the history of our Southern Lutheran Church.

J. J. SCHERER,
J. Q. WERTZ,
J. S. ELMORE.
A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. W. JENNY,
D. C. BOLAND.

The Committee on Church Literature presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

In looking at the subject of literature as related to our work, two distinct things demand our attention: What publications have appeared since our last convention, and what has been done or may be done to circulate them among our people. We must consider the first, that we may know what to commend. We must take notice of the second, that we may learn whether or not these

publications are accomplishing all that they ought to do.

During the last three years not many Lutheran books have been published. Some of our men in the South have written valuable articles for the reviews, but these have been limited in their influence to the ministry. It is to be feared that not as many of our ministers are readers of these reviews as should be. Both the *Lutheran Quarterly* and the *Church Review* have contributors in the South, and both are worthy of study. The minister may derive benefit by studying each number and by circulating his own copy among his more intelligent members with the articles marked which will be most interesting to them.

Among the books which have been published we wish to call attention to Dr. Jacobs' Elements of Religion, a book helpful to educated laymen and young ministers: to Jacobs' History of the Lutheran Church, published by the Christian Literature Company, a book attracting wide-spread attention and doing a great deal towards making us better known to the American public; to Luther as a Spiritual Adviser, translated by Dr. C. A. Hay and Son: to the Lutheran Commentary, edited by Dr. Jacobs and published by the Christian Literature Company; and Loehe's Catechism, translated by Dr. E. T. Horn. The Commentary, among whose authors are Drs. Horn and Voigt, is a work of special value to both ministers and laymen. It is the only complete Lutheran commentary on the New Testament in our language. It will prove useful to all Bible students, combining, as it does in a large degree, the features of both the critical and popular commentaries, and making accessible to our people the results of ripe scholarship. Loehe's Catechism is the best explanation of Luther's Catechism for use in the family and in the schools. In many respects it is an admirable little book. With a few emendations it is just what has so long been needed.

When we turn to look at the circulation of our literature we find something to gratify us, but very much to deplore. The *Mission News* was suspended because of the want of support. The *Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper* do not have the circulation they deserve. In part it is the fault of the pastors, but in larger part that of the people that there are many of our homes into which neither of them go. Lutheran authorship does not find encouragement. Books of no greater value find larger sale in other churches. Lutheran writers are discouraged by the large number of volumes of an ordinary edition which remain unsold. Our most popular writers have been made to suffer by neglect and been forced to retire or go into other fields. We believe that this is due in large measure to the fact that inadequate means are

employed in bringing our publications before our people. There was a sale of nearly twenty thousand copies of one of our works because it was carried by agents to Lutheran homes. In part of our own territory the subscription lists to our church papers were handsomely increased and a number of Lutheran books sold by young men engaged by a pastoral association. We would recommend:

1. That our Synods, Conferences and pastoral associations be advised to engage students from our institutions to canvass our churches during the summer vacations and that the Synods have reports at their annual sessions from the pastors upon the number of copies of our papers taken in their several pastorates.

2. That a committee, with Dr. Horn as chairman, be appointed to revise Loehe's Catechism so as to make it entirely suited to use in our families, Sunday-schools, parochial schools, and catechism classes, and this committee be requested to publish a provisional copy of their work previous to our next convention.

L. A. FOX.
J. Q. WERTZ,
A. D. HALTIWANGER.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted, and the following committee was appointed:

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. J. A. Snyder, Rev. W. R. Brown, Rev. J. Q. Wertz, on revision of Loehe's Catechism.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, according to the resolution of Synod, the floor was given to Rev. Luther Kuhlman, representative of the General Synod, who, in his address, conveyed the fraternal greetings of that ecclesiastical body, and spoke of the unity of our fathers in the faith, of subsequent divisions, and of the present movement toward mutual recognition of one another on the part of the general bodies of our Lutheran Church.

The President made an appropriate response, extending the hand of Christian and Lutheran brotherhood, and welcoming Rev. Kuhlman to a seat as an advisory member.

The Committee on Overture on Co-operation presented the following, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OVERTURE ON CO-OPERATION.

To this Committee has been referred:

1. The following overture for practical co-operation, addressed to all Lutheran Bodies of America:

OVERTURES, FOR PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION, TO ALL LUTHERAN BODIES IN AMERICA.

Whereas, The Lutheran Church of America is divided into a number of different branches, which are not in practical accord, the one with the other, and

Whereas, All these subscribe to the Augsburg Confession, adhere to the same general system of government, practice in a measure the same forms of worship, and recognize and glory in the same origin and history, and

Whereas, While it is incumbent upon all Evangelical Christians to cultivate fraternal relations, this is most manifestly the *duty* of those who are of the same denominational name and faith, therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That the General Synod will regard with favor any movement looking to a closer co-operation of all Lutheran Bodies in this country, in the practical work of our denomination, upon such terms as will secure the largest possible harmony of action in all lines of mutual interest, recognizing that such co-operation is not to be interpreted as a surrender or compromise of the doctrinal position of any party entering therein.

Resolved, 2nd, That this General Synod respectfully, sincerely and fraternally suggests a conference of committees, to be appointed by the General Lutheran Bodies of this country, for the purpose of an interchange of views upon the possibilities of said closer practical co-operation between the branches of our Lutheran Household.

Resolved, 3d, That for the furtherance of this object, a committee of five be appointed at this convention, to represent the General Synod in such possible conference, and that said committee be, and is hereby authorized to confer with the other said bodies in regard to the objects herein named, provided, always, and it is herein expressly declared, that said committee shall have no power or authority whatever to bind the General Synod by any action it may take in conjunction with any other committee

or committees; and that it is invested with only conferential authority, and shall report back to the next General Synod the results of its efforts.

Resolved, 4th, That in the name of our beloved Church, and in the greater name of our Lord and Master, and appealing to the Searcher of all hearts for the integrity of our motives, we respectfully ask and hope for the kindliest consideration of all our Lutheran brethren of this our fraternal overture, and pray for the richest blessing of Almighty God upon it.

2. The following report of a Committee on Fraternal Conference with other Lutheran Bodies, of the General Synod, with the action thereon taken by the General Synod at last convention:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CONFERENCE WITH OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES.

Your Committee on Fraternal Conference with other Lutheran Bodies beg to report that the action of the General Synod on this subject was duly transmitted to the General Council, it being the first body to meet after our last convention.

It gives us great pleasure to report that the General Council took favorable action on our overture, and appointed a committee similar to our own, composed of the following ministers: Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass, Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, and Rev. J. C. Kuntzman, all present but the last.

On January 18, 1894, these two committees met in joint session in Philadelphia, Pa., and after electing the Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., chairman, and the Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D. D., secretary, held a free, full, and most fraternal interchange of views on questions of common interest, and finally adopted the following action:

Resolved, That, recognizing the terms of our appointment, we are not competent to enter upon discussions of alleged differences between the basis of the General Synod and the General Council.

I. HOME MISSIONS.

On this subject,

Resolved, That we hereby most respectfully recommend to our respective general bodies, for their adoption, the policy that wherever one body of the Lutheran Church, hereunto consenting, is in occupation of a field, and is shown to be, in a reasonable degree, able to care for our Lutheran material therein, the other or others shall respect such occupancy, and abstain from any attempt to plant an additional congregation to operate in the same

language, and that in case of any disagreement, the Home Mission Boards or Committees of the bodies concerned shall amicably adjust such differences.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On this subject likewise,

Resolved, That, recognizing the intimate relations already existing between the missionaries of the different bodies of the Lutheran Church, where laboring in adjoining foreign fields, we encourage them to promote the upbuilding of the one undivided Lutheran Church in their Christianizing efforts.

III. OUR CHURCH PAPERS.

Resolved, That we deprecate a bitter controversial spirit wherever found in matters of religion, and that we heartily disapprove of any appearance of it in our church journals, and that we affectionately and sincerely counsel all who write for, and those who control our Lutheran papers and periodicals, to abstain from publishing anything that will tend to foster the spirit of partisan division among the brethren of our Lutheran household, and that we counsel them to seek to exalt those things especially and only which, consistently with the testimony for the purity of our Lutheran faith, will promote the peace and the unity of our beloved Lutheran Church.

IV. CONCLUSION.

Resolved, That when these lines of co-operation, or any number of them, shall have been agreed upon by two or more Lutheran bodies, such action shall be held as a sacred compact between the parties consenting thereto: and that we hereby invoke upon this movement for the practical unification of our glorious Church the blessing of Almighty God.

V.

Resolved, That the above action is not to be interpreted in such way as to imply a compromise or surrender of the bodies represented concerning any point of their doctrinal positions.

Your Committee also communicated the General Synod's Overture to Rev. M. Loy, D. D., President of the Joint Synod of Ohio, previous to its meeting in September last, to which no official response was given except in the printed Minutes of their Convention, where action unfavorable to such co-operation on the basis submitted is recorded.

As these were the only General Bodies having met since the appointment of our Committee, no further opportunity has been offered for the exercise of its functions.

Your Committee recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That the basis of co-operation agreed upon by the joint committee of the two Synods named, and any others consenting thereto, be and is hereby adopted by the General Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That when official notice of such adoption shall have been exchanged between the Synods in question, this body shall regard this compact as completed and to be sacredly adhered to by the parties concerned.

3. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude to God for this and all other indications that He is blessing our efforts to bring into closer accord and better practical relations the different branches of our great Lutheran family."

The Commlttee recommend:

1. That we express our great joy in this action of the General Synod and General Council, and adopt the Basis for Co-operation given above.

2. That if a similar conference should be called at any time between this convention and the next convention of the United Synod, the President is hereby authorized to appoint a Committee of three, of whom he shall be a member and the chairman, to represent this Synod in such conference, who shall then report to our next convention.

E. T. HORN,
C. H. ROCKEY,
W. J. SMITH,
S. S. CASTLE,
A. M. BOWMAN.

President Henry E. Sheppard, L. L. D., of Charleston College, was introduced and invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The following report of Committee on Treasurer's Report of Theological Seminary Fund was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON TREASURER'S REPORT OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

We, the Committee appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Fund of the Theological Seminary, formerly at Salem, Virginia, beg leave to report that we find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. ELMORE,
C. C. BERRY,
JOHN C. SEEGERS.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises rendered their report, which was adopted.

On motion the consideration of the report of the Committee on Theological Seminary was made the special order of the hour, and the Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your Committee on Theological Seminary would recommend the adoption of the following:

1. That thanks be returned the Board of Directors for their faithful services, and their work be approved.

2. That thanks be extended to the Southside Land and Investment Company, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and to Capt. J. C. Seegers, of Columbia, S. C., for offers of sites for a permanent Theological Seminary.

3. That it is impracticable and inexpedient to select such site now, and that for the present the Seminary be continued at Newberry, S. C.

4. That gratification be expressed at the securing of Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., as Professor of Theology, and at his faithful and efficient services.

5. That another Theological Professor be employed by the Directors to begin labor at the opening of the session beginning in October, 1896.

6. That the Directors provide for his support by calling upon the District Synods for a pro rata appropriation thereto.

7. That if such Professor be secured, Dr. Voigt be made Professor of Systematic Theology.

8. That the Directors receive and consider bids for permanent location, and report concerning them at the next regular meeting of the United Synod.

9. That the Board of Directors be instructed to devise a plan for increasing the endowment of Theological Seminary to at least $50,000 in the near future, and that such plan be put into execution as soon as practicable.

10. That the following be elected as a Board of Directors, namely: Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. C. A. Marks, Rev. H. S. Wingard, D. D., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Mr. Geo. B. Cromer, Mr. C. G. Heilig,

Hon. H. S. Trout, Hon. A. Kioner, Mr. A. D. Haltiwanger, Mr. A. L. Henkel. Respectfully submitted,

B. S. BROWN,
L. G. M. MILLER,
M. M. KINARD,
W. J. SMITH,
JAS. D. HEILIG.

Items 1 and 2 adopted. Pending discussion of item 3, Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. V. R. Stickley.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. B S. Brown. The minutes were read and approved.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

Item 3. Adopted.

On motion the regular order for this evening at half past seven o'clock was dispensed with, and the hearing of the report of Committee on Orphan Home was made the special order of business for the hour.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Horn.

NINTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Synod convened and was opened in the use of the Vespers. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Darr.

The minutes were read and approved.

The special order was deferred to hear the following report of the Committee on Memoirs, which was adopted by a rising vote.

MEMORIAL.

REV. A. J. BROWN, D. D.,
DIED JULY 17, 1894.

REV. J. HAWKINS, D. D.,
DIED JULY 16, 1895.

COL. P. N. HEILIG,
DIED AUGUST 21, 1892.

As we are gathered in this convention we miss the familiar faces of three of our brethren who took part in the organization of the United Synod and have been members of every convention since it was founded. They were all strong men, true to the church of their fathers and of their choice, wise in counsel, faithful in duty, and loved and honored by their brethren. They were tried men and were found worthy of trust, each in his own way and sphere zealously did his work and was an ornament to our church and to our race. Grace made them noble specimens of true manhood. They were earnest christians, refined by years of fellowship with Christ and enriched by long service. They would have been with us to-day sharing our burdens but for the Master's call to a higher service and a more exalted joy. While we are deeply sensible of their absence, and mourn the loss of their valuable labors to the church, we cannot but be thankful that they were spared so many years, and rejoice that they have laid aside toil, have won the victory and have entered upon the rest for which they had so long prayed and fought. We desire to look up through our tears that we may see something of that new brightness with which they are clothed, and catch some notes

of the angelic harvest homes as they take their places in the assembly above: while we bear testimony to their worth and service here on earth.

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., a member from the Holston Synod, of which he was one of the founders, a good scholar, a pleasant writer, a strong preacher, a superior teacher, and an able theologian, died at his home in Blountville, Tenn., in his seventy-eighth year. He served pastorates in North Carolina and in Tennessee. For several years he rendered important services to Church and State as a teacher. Early in life he was called to defend the distinctive doctrines of our Church and won the title of champion of the Lutheran faith in the South. The Church owes him a debt of gratitude for the important work he did in that day. He believed and loved these precious doctrines, embodied them in his life, and by them met death with a composure that won the admiration of all those who were witnesses of his last days.

Rev. J. Hawkins, D. D., a member from the South Carolina Synod, of which he was a prominent member, died at home, near Prosperity, S. C., in his sixty-seventh year. He was educated at Lexington, served pastorates in South Carolina, the Church in Savannah, Ga., in Shepherdstown, Va., in Middletown, Md., and then again pastorates in South Carolina. He was for many years the able and popular editor of the Lutheran Visitor. He was author of a series of catechisms and wrote a number of monographs. He was a vigorous writer and a superior preacher, clear in his conceptions, decided in his convictions, fearless in his utterances, he defended with marked abllity what he conceived to be the truth. He grew in acquaintance with, and devotion to the real life and faith of the Lutheran Church. Catholic in spirit, he recognized the Christ-likeness in other churches, and condemned what he suspected of bigotry. He was a man of earnest piety and his life and his death were strong witnesses to the truth and power of our holy religion,

Col. P. N. Heilig, a member from the North Carolina Synod and an officer in the United Synod at the time of his death, died suddenly in his church, at Salisbury, N. C., in his sixty-fifth year. He was a man of fine character and of unquestionable devotion to his church. He was respected wherever he was known. No layman in his own Synod was more trusted and called more frequently to responsible positions. His influence was felt in every body of which he was a member. He gave his cordial support to every measure which the ecclesiastical authorities approved. He was untiring in his efforts for his own con-

gregation. But he kept himself acquainted with the general work of the Church. He was a wise counselor and his judgment carried weight in every assembly. The confidence and esteem in which he was held by the brethren of this Synod was expressed by making him the treasurer of the body. We feel his loss not less keenly than that of his clerical friends and brethren who followed him to the grave.

Resolved, That in testimony of the love we bore these departed brethren, and the esteem their characters and services commanded throughout our churches, we devote two pages of the Minutes to their memory.

L. A. FOX,
L. E. BUSBY,
C. A. MARKS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOME.

We, your committee on the Orphan Home, had the following paper placed in our hands:

SALEM, VA., September 16, 1895.

Rev. F. W. Holland, D. D., President United Synod:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At a meeting of the Trustees of the South View Orphan Home, held January 11, 1894, the following action was taken:

"*Resolved*, That the South View Orphan Home, being now managed in the interests of our Southern Church, be placed in organic connection with the United Synod in the manner that may be found most practicable, at the next meeting of that body."

In behalf of the Executive Committee, who were charged with the duty of carrying out the action of the Trustees, I herewith lay the matter before you for such consideration and action as the Synod, in its wisdom, may deem best.

In addition to this letter, it gives me pleasure to place in your hands a copy of the catalogue of the Home, and also a circular of information, from which the principal facts concerning the history, management, and support of the Home may be learned.

Trusting that the action of the United Synod may increase the efficiency of the Home, I am,

Fraternally yours,

F. V. N. PAINTER.

In response to this communication, your Committee recommend:

1. That in response to this overture of the Trustees, we formally recognize the South View Orphan Home as the institution of the United Synod.

2. That a Committee be appointed to nominate the officers of the Home, and Trustees to fill the vacancies that now exist, or that may hereafter occur.

3. That the Home be required to submit a full report at each meeting of this body.

4. That we heartily commend to our people the support of the orphan work, recommend to our District Synods the appropriation of a definite sum for this purpose, and suggest as an aid in securing this amount, the appointment of an Orphan Home Day in our congregations and Sunday-schools.

5. The catalogue and circular of information has been placed in the hands of your Committee, showing that there are twenty children in the Home, under the care of a matron and a teacher. The general management of the Home is in the hands of an Executive Committee, appointed by the Trustees, consisting of Messrs. P. L. Terry, H. S. Trout, C. Markley, and Rev. Dr. F. V. N. Painter, who is Secretary of the Home. The financial statement shows that the management of the Home has been economical. The expense for each child for the current year does not exceed $75, which is from 25 to 50 per cent. less than in other similar institutions. The method of conducting the Home as indicated in the regulations is such in our judgment as will secure its continued efficiency and prosperity.

In reference to the question of the Committee on Minutes in relation to the offer of Mr. Terry (see pages 85–88 of last United Synod Minutes), we would report that said Committee secured from Mr. Terry a slight modification of his previous offer, but in view of the fact that some of the District Synods failed to comply with the conditions named therein, his offer was formally withdrawn. This withdrawal, however, does not affect the existing status of the Home. Respectfully submitted.

A. D. R. HANCHER.
G. W. HOLLAND,
W. L. SEABROOK.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following Committee was appointed charged with the duty of nominating officers of the Orphan Home; Rev. J. J. Scherer, Rev. H. F. Shealy and Mr. A. M. Bowman.

Synod again took up the report of the Committee on Theological Seminary.

Items 4 to 10 were adopted and the report was adopted as a whole.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, That a carefuully selected committee be appointed by our President to take into consideration the whole matter of Church Papers: that such committee confer with the publishers of our various papers and endeavor to secure unification on such terms as will be just to all, and that such committee be empowered to enter into any arrangement, not involving financial responsibility, which will secure a competent editor and bring the paper proposed into such relations with the United Synod as to make it, in some true and real sense, our organ, and, in some real sense, amenable to our authority, and that such arrangement be entered into as promptly as possible.

The following Committee was appointed under this resolution: Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev, C. B. King, Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., and G. B. Cromer, Esq.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Our Colleges and Seminaries are the nurseries of the Church. To encourage and support them is to replenish the agencies that condition our existence and advancement. It is a singular fact, that as the financial stringency of our times has increased our literary institutions have flourished in increasing vigor; and that, at what we trust is the close of the most remarkable period of depression this country has witnessed, we can report an unprecedented prosperity of our Colleges and Seminaries. God is surely moving us along the lines of christian education, and not the least occasion of our devout thanksgiving is the measure of success that has attended the development of our institutions as they have struggled upward from obscurity and against adversity to their present high plane of influence and usefulness.

The only institutions within our territory that have sought recognition from us and placed documents of information in our hands are Roanoke College, Newberry College, Marion Female College, Staunton Female Seminary, and the Buena Vista College for Young Ladies. We have had no official reports from North Carolina College, Mount Amœna Female Seminary, Dallas College, Concordia College, Lenoir College, Wartburg Male and Female Seminary, and some others, but from published statements we have information of their increasing patronage and success. Of those to which our attention has been called we note the following :

1. Roanoke College, located in one of the most beautiful and healthful sections of Virginia, with an honorable history, excellent equipment, splendid library, an experienced and aggressive faculty, has made uninterrupted progress, and has recently opened its forty-third session with the largest enrollment of students for many years. None of our institutions is surrounded with more fervid and intense religious influences and none has exhibited a larger number of conversions in the student body. A thorough course of Bible study is taught, as well as the New Testament in Greek, and lectures upon the Augsburg Confession are given. One hundred and sixty-one students were registered during the last session.

2. Newberry College has made remarkable progress in the last ten years. From one main building there have been added three very comfortable professors' houses, one boarding hall, and a beautiful brick science hall, which, in architectural arrangement and finish, would be an ornament to any institution. A competent faculty, unsurpassed discipline, unexampled obedience of the students to authority, positive religious instruction in the Word of God, a complete curriculum, thoroughly executed, and a loyal alumni, which, in ability and usefulness would reflect credit upon any institution, all commend Newberry College to the patronage and support of the Southern Lutheran Church. No other College is so thoroughly identified with the Lutheran Church nor more immediately directed under Lutheran influences. One hundred and thirty-one students were enrolled during the last session, of whom 102 were in the Collegiate Department. There were 18 graduates.

3. The 23d session of Marion Female College opened with a prospect promising a year of unusually pleasant and profitable work. During the summer improvements have been made in the grounds and buildings, and the institution is prepared to do better work than ever before. The claims of this college upon the support of the Church rest upon its past history, its present advantages, and its future prospects. The College is under the control of the Synod of Southwest Virginia. The Catechism is taught, and the institution is distinctively Lutheran.

4. Staunton Female Seminary completed the session of 1894–'95 with an encouraging number of students, under an able faculty, and with assurance of continued progress. Ninety young ladies have graduated from this excellent institution, who adorn homes and communities in which they reside, from Pennsylvania to Texas, and from Ohio to Georgia. Owing, however, to the stress of unavoidable conditions, among which are the recent panic

arising from the small pox in this city, and the exagerated rumors that have spread throughout the territory from which the patronage was expected it has been deemed best to suspend the exercises of this Seminary: a fact which we feel sure will bring regret to all the members of the United Synod and to its numerous friends in other sections of the Church.

5. The Buena Vista College for Young Ladies is situated in one of the most picturesque regions of Virginia, in a town claiming an actual population of 3,500 citizens, aggressive and public spirited, and looking hopefully onward to a most promising future. The main building is five stories, admirably constructed and arranged, and the contiguous acres of land belonging to the property make it one of the most desirable locations for a prosperous college of high grade for the education of the daughters of our church.

The Principal, Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., desires to make to the Synod through our Committee, the following proposition:

If the United Synod will at this time recommend and sustain the institution to a sufficient number of pupils, a plan has been devised by which, without the expenditure of a cent of money, or assuming any financial responsibility whatever, this property will, in a time determined by the patronage, be deeded to a Board of Trustees appointed by this body, to be controlled absolutely by them. This proposition is not designed to interfere with any other similar institution within our bounds. The property cost $100,000, has all modern conveniences, and is in every way adapted to the uses of a female college.

Your Committee respectfully submits this proposition to the consideration of this Synod.

J. B. FOX.
C. ARMAND MILLER.
W. G. REPASS.

The report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We find in our hands:

1. Petitions from the Southwest Virginia and Holston Synods asking for changes in the form and price of the Book of Worship. We recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on the Common Service.

2. A petition from the Southwest Virginia Synod asking for

the development of missions in their midst. We recommend that this be referred to the Board of Missions.

3. The Holston Synod asks for the adoption of a form of constitution for congregations in the Synods of this body. We recommend that a committee be appointed to comply with this request.

4. A petition from the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Tennessee as follows:

TOMS BROOK, VA., October 11, 1892.

From The Ev. Lutheran Tennessee Synod to The Ev. Lutheran United Synod in the South, Through her President:

Whereas, the action taken at the last meeting of the United Synod upon the Regulations for Work does not meet the approval of this Synod, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this body enters its protest against said action, and requests the United Synod to again consider and adopt the regulations as reported by the Committee to the Savannah meeting, and that the Secretary forward this action to the President of the United Synod.

P. C. WIKE,
Recording Secretary of the Ev. Lutheran Tenn. Synod.

We recommend that for the peace of the Church it is unwise to open the discussion of the question at this time.

J. H. WILSON,
A. G. VOIGT,
C. A. MARKS,
M. CAUGHMAN.

Items 1 and 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Laid on the table.

Item 4. Recommendation adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion Hon. H. S. Trout was elected Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to inquire into the advisability of securing a native Japanese student, and, if practicable, to prepare him, as soon as possible, for the Mission work in his native land, by a full Collegiate and Theological course.

An appropriation of $25 was made to the Secretary for his services.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to purchase a new

Record Book, and to draw on the Treasury for a sufficient amount of money to pay for the same.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the District Synods be requested to send one or more copies of the Minutes of their respective Synods to the Secretary of this General Body as soon as said Minutes are published.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks of this Body to the members and friends of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church for the kind hospitality shown us during this convention of Synod.

NEXT CONVENTION.

On motion of Dr. Horn it was

Resolved, That when this Synod shall adjourn it adjourn to meet either in the Spring or Autumn of 1898 at the discretion of the officers of Synod, and that the selection of a place of meeting also be referred to them.

VISITORS TO OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., was elected fraternal visitor to the General Council, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., as alternate; and Rev. Geo. W. Holland, D. D., to the General Synod, Rev. Geo. H. Cox, alternate.

The Secretary was ordered to have 2,500 copies of the Minutes printed, upon the best terms available, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That if the balance in the Treasury be not sufficient to pay for the printing and distribution of the Minutes, the Secretary is hereby authorized to assess the District Synods to meet the deficit.

The Minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business, Synod adjourned to

meet at time and place to be selected by the officers of this Body.

I testify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Fifth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

M. G. G SCHERER,
Secretary.

CHARTER OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

[*Statutes at Large of South Carolina. Vol. XX, page 784.*]

No. 512. AN ACT to incorporate the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the South:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, that all those persons who now or may hereafter become members of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South" be, and the same are hereby, declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH."

SEC. 2. That the said Society shall be able and capable in law and equity to have, hold and receive, enjoy, possess and retain, all such property, real and personal, as they may now be possessed of or in any wise entitled to, or which shall have been or shall hereafter be given, bequeathed, or in any way acquired, and to sell, alien or otherwise part with the same or any part thereof, as they shall deem proper or expedient.

SEC. 3. That the said Society shall by its proper name have succession of officers and members, to be chosen according to the rules and by-laws made or to be made for its government and direction: and shall have power and authority to make rules, regulations, and by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the land, and to have, keep and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter at will: to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any Court of law: and to have and enjoy all the rights and privileges incident or belonging to incorporated bodies.

Approved December 24, A. D., 1890.

DIVINE SERVICES.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1895.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D.

4 P. M.—SUNDAY-SCHOOL SERVICE.

Addresses by Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., and Geo. B. Cromer, Esq.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. J. B. Fox, Ph. D.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. C. Armand Miller.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D.

METHODIST CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev A. G. Voigt, D. D.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. W. L. Seabrook.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. George H. Cox.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. J. E. Shenk.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. B. S. Brown.

BETHLEHEM EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Rev. O. C. Miller.

PAROCHIAL TABLE.

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Synods.	Organized.	Ministers.	Churches.	Stations.	Losses.			Accessions.					Finances.		
					Death.	Certificate.	Excommunication and all others.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant membership.	Estimated value of Church property.	Indebtedness.	Local expenses for all objects.
1. North Carolina	1803	34	57	1	67	183	133	303	31	326	204	8	7077	$201050 00	$9516 50	$19378 67
2. Tennessee*	1820	39	88		176			641	42	444	107		8432			16817 34
3. South Carolina	1824	30	66	10	172	115	9	454	51	361	153		7948	254400 00	11814 26	31980 08
4. Virginia	1829	27	72	17	77	46	19	125	129	157	75	1	6208	214250 00	6120 30	22190 53
5. Southwest Virginia	1842	19	58	20	41	70	2	134	200	166	80	4	4311	168525 00	24410 00	10797 49
6. Mississippi	1855	8	14		7	11		26	35	9	27		712			
7. Georgia*	1860	12	16		29	7		92	16	100	43		1856	126214 00	387 23	9786 07
8. Holston*	1861	8	21	9	11	3		106	4	65	20					

* Reports for 1894.

PAROCHIAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

SYNODS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.						BENEVOLENCE.								
	Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Members of Children's Missionary Society.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Orphans' Home.	Pastor's Fund.	External Objects.	Total Benevoleuce.
1. N. C	48	4	660	5125	$1761 63		$272 59	$601 98	$279 27	$138 72	$146 37	$863 03	$75 33		$614 64	$3017 08
2. Tenn*	63		345	3944			649 80	476 24	25 50							951 54
3. S. C	59		607	4704	5114 70		1363 06	536 96	419 97		341 50	499 49	117 38	$116 67	2419 98	5674 72
4. Va							210 97	1098 68	1318 03		300 23	407 64	505 71		3692 69	7533 95
5. Sw. Va	45	18	533	3901	609 71		657 78	198 95	76 39		49 20	771 40	149 98		321 50	2371 91
6. Miss	9		27	314			20 85									
7. Ga*	16		185	1381	936 20		69 77	962 40	160 25			476 87			64 47	1663 67
8. Hol*	5		45	597												

* Reports for 1894.

Grand total: North Carolina Synod, $22,423.04: Tennessee, $17,768.88; South Carolina, $42,669.50: Virginia, $29,724.48: Southwest Virginia. $13,189.64: Georgia, $11.029.32. Sum total, $_____.

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Winston, N. C., Wednesday before the third Sunday in May, 1900.

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Evang. Luth. Church in the South.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South met in its sixth regular convention in Luther Chapel church, Newberry, S. C., on Wednesday, May 11, 1898, at 3 o'clock p. m. The synodical sermon was preached by the President, Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., from the text Heb. 12, 1, 2, which was followed by the holy communion.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1898—4.30 P. M.

The Synod was formally opened according to the usages of the church.

Delegates-elect from the several district Synods were reported present and enrolled as follows:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. L. E. Busby, Rev. C. L. T. Fisher, Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph. D., Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Rev. C. B. Miller, Rev. J. Q. Wertz, Rev. V. R. Stickley.

LAY— ———

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. P. Miller, Rev. J. L. Cromer, Rev. J. A. Cromer, Rev. A. R. Beck.

LAY—Mr. C. M. Efird, Mr. J. H. Koon.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Rev. J. A. Sligh, Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh, Rev. C. P. Boozer.

LAY—Prof. Geo. B. Cromer, Dr. D. L. Boozer, Mr. J. D. Cappelmann, Mr. Wm. P. Houseal, Mr. R. G. Chisholm, Capt. J. W. Jenny, Capt. J. C. Seegers, Mr. A. H. Kohn.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. H. F. Scheele, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. C. A. Marks, Rev. J. A. Morehead, Rev. C. A. Freed.

LAY—Mr. J. E. Cooper, J. A. Alexander, Esq.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Rev. J. B. Greiner, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.

LAY—E. L. Greever, Esq., Mr. H. P. Copenhaver, G. B. Morehead, Esq.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Rev. H. S. Wingard, D. D., Rev. S. S. Rahn, Ph. D.

LAY—Mr. J. M. Gnann.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

LAY—J. D. Wolford, Esq.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. L. Derrick.

LAY—Mr. J. B. Derrick.

The President read his report, which was held for reference to committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our meeting on this the eleventh of May, 1898, in Newberry, S. C., is by the decision of the officers of this body under authority conferred upon them by the convention held in Staunton, Va., September, 1895.

As chosen representatives of the several Synods, and as members of the United Synod, you have come together upon business of great importance. A due sense of our responsibility, in view of the possible consequences of our enactments upon the future of our Lutheran church in the South, will admonish us to seek closer fellowship with

each other, to cherish increased fraternal confidence and co-operation, and to join in fervent prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

THE LUTHERAN DIET.

Your attention is respectfully called to the action of both the General Synod and the General Council providing for a general conference or diet. The proposition to hold such diet has been endorsed by these general bodies, and Dr. Henry E. Jacobs of the General Council and Dr. S. W. Owen of the General Synod have been chosen to unite with appointees of other general bodies to arrange for the diet proposed. These representatives inform me that they are awaiting the action of the United Synod. Should you endorse this movement, which has grown out of the co-operative measures in which we have participated, it will be proper to appoint at this convention a representative of the United Synod to unite with the representatives above named in effecting arrangements for the diet.

CO-OPERATION.

In obedience to resolution, recorded on page 59 of Minutes of last convention, I appointed, February 19, 1896, Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn and Rev. George H. Cox to be associated with the President, as Committee on Fraternal Co-operation. This committee met with similar committees of the General Synod and General Council in the city of Washington, April 22, 1896. Dr. L. G. M. Miller, Vice-President, by request, acted for the President, and was present at the meeting of the committee. A report of the action taken will be formally presented to this body.

COMMON SERVICE COMMITTEE.

The removal and resignation of Dr. Edward T. Horn, the chairman of the Committee on Common Service, suggests the need at this convention of reorganizing such committee. This is made necessary by the difficulty of gathering from the Minutes of our former conventions the constituency of the committee ; and the perpetuation of the committee is requisite in view of the fact that the copyright of the Common Service is vested in the Joint Common Service Committee of the three general bodies. The proposition before each of the three general bodies in regard to the one common Book of Worship calls furthermore for the continuation of this committee.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK OF WORSHIP.

The contract between the United Synod and Mr. W. J. Duffie for the publication of the Book of Worship, having expired by limitation on the first day of October, 1897, whereupon, upon certain conditions, the "stereotype plates, copyright, and all appurtenances thereto be-

longing" became the property of the United Synod, I as your President gave Mr. Duffie due notice, and complied with the necessary conditions for terminating said contract, that the United Synod might be placed in a position to enter into such further or new arrangement for the publication of the Book of Worship as might be deemed best.

By special agreement, however, the contract with Mr. Duffie has been allowed to run to May 1, 1898. It becomes necessary that the United Synod take present action for the future publication of the Book of Worship. The copyright of the Book of Worship, the contract made with Mr. Duffie, and also Mr. Duffie's report as publisher, are herewith filed.

CONCLUSION.

Matters committed to the management of the Boards of Missions, home and foreign, the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and other boards and committees will come before you in due form. May the Lord grant us wisdom, united with faith, hope, and love, to meet the sacred responsibilities devolved upon us the chosen and trusted representatives of our Lutheran church in the South, and the accredited custodians of the heritage and faith of our fathers.

Very respectfully, ROBERT C. HOLLAND.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Rev. J. B. Greiner.
Vice-President—Rev. H. S. Wingard.
Secretary—Rev. M. G. G. Scherer.
Treasurer—C. H. Duls, Esq.

The newly elected officers were properly inducted into office.

The hours of meeting and adjournment of Synod from time to time were fixed as follows: From 9.30 a. m. to 1.30 p. m., and from 4 to 6 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the following were received as advisory members of this body: Rev. R. F. Weidner, D. D., LL. D., Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. J. C. Seegers, Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Rev. J. Austin, Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., Rev. Prof. W. K. Sligh, Rev. Prof. A. J. Bowers, Rev. Chas. Edw. Keller, Rev. S. C. Ballentine, Rev. Geo. S. Bearden, Rev. J. B. Fox, Ph. D., Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary Board of

Missions and Church Extension, Rev. P. D. Risinger, Rev. G. A. Riser.

Rev. Charles Edward Keller, of Akron, Ohio, having presented properly certified credentials, was received as fraternal representative from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United States of America to this body.

On motion, the hour of half-past ten o'clock on Friday morning was set apart as the time for hearing representatives of other general bodies.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer.

At 8.30 p. m., divine services were held and addresses on the subject of Christian Education were delivered by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer and Rev. R. F. Weidner, D. D., LL. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9.30 A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer. The roll was called and absentees noted. The minutes of the first session were read and approved.

On motion, Revs. E. P. McClintoc and A. G. Kirkpatrick of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, Rev. C. W. Creighton of the M. E. church, and Rev. J. L. Williamson of the Presbyterian church were invited to seats within the bar of Synod.

Revs. H. P. Counts and J. D. Kinard were received as advisory members.

The Secretary read the Rules of Order.

On motion, the Minutes of the last convention were referred to committee.

The reading of the Treasurer's Report was deferred until this afternoon owing to the absence of the Treasurer.

On motion, the first five pews nearest the President's chair were made to constitute the bar of Synod.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *President's Report.*—Revs. J. A. Morehead, V. R. Stickley, J. L. Derrick, and Mr. J. W. Jenny.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod.*—Rev. M. M. Kinard and Messrs. C. M. Efird and J. M. Gnann.

3. *On District Synods.*—Revs. J. P. Miller, W. H. Greever, and Mr. D. L. Boozer.

4. *On State of the Church.*—Revs. H. F. Scheele, S. T. Hallman, J. L. Cromer, W. A. Lutz, and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and J. D. Heilig.

5. *On Devotional Exercises.*—Rev. A. G. Voigt and officers of Synod.

6. *On Theological Seminary.*—Revs. R. C. Holland, W. L. Seabrook, H. S. Wingard, C. A. Marks, L. E. Busby, and Mr. J. H. Koon.

7. *On Literary Institutions.*—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer and J. Q. Wertz.

8. *On Missions.*—Revs. A. D. R. Hancher, L. A. Fox, J. H. Wilson, A. R. Beck, C. L. T. Fisher, and Messrs. E. L. Greever and J. D. Cappelmann.

9. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. H. P. Copenhaver and J. B. Derrick.

10. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. S. S. Rahn, H. N. Miller, C. A. Freed, and Messrs. Wm. P. Houseal and G. B. Morehead.

11. *On Church Literature.*—Revs. F. V. N. Painter, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, and Prof. Geo. B. Cromer.

The following special committee was appointed:

COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOME.

Revs. J. J. Scherer, C. B. Miller, and Mr. R. G. Chisholm.

The Report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was read and referred to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

Herewith is presented a narrative of the Board's proceedings since the meeting of the United Synod in Staunton, Virginia, in September of 1895. At that meeting the following persons were elected a Board of Missions and Church Extension: Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., L. L. Smith, W. L. Seabrook, and C. Armand Miller; J. E. Cooper, Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, and Hon. H. S. Trout. At a later date, on account of the removal from our territory of Rev. C. Armand Miller, Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt was elected a member of the Board.

At a special meeting of the Board immediately after the adjournment of the Synod at Staunton, a formal organization was effected by the election of Rev. L. L. Smith, president, and Mr. J. E. Cooper, treasurer, and the re-election of Rev. L. K. Probst, secretary and general secretary of the Board. The Revs. L. L. Smith and W. L. Seabrook and Mr. J. E. Cooper were designated as an executive committee. Four regular meetings of the Board have been held, as follows: At Staunton, September 23, 1895; at Winchester, April 28, 1896; at Winchester, April 6, 1897; at Roanoke, June 11, 1897. Meetings of the Executive Committee have been held whenever the work demanded.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SYNOD.

This Synod at its last meeting made the following recommendations:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday-schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whitsunday and the second Sunday in November, for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

5. That each district Synod be requested to print, in separate columns of their parochial tables, the several amounts which are asked

from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the home and foreign work of the Board of Missions.

These recommendations have been repeatedly brought to the attention of the district Synods, and six Synods have adopted them in full. The Tennessee Synod has not adopted these recommendations, but voted to co-operate in the work, and to earnestly recommend it to their pastors and people.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

The General Secretary has continued to make Atlanta, Ga., his headquarters, and he has in addition to his other work regularly ministered to the mission congregation at this point. He has visited annually all the district Synods, except the Mississippi Synod, and all the women's conventions. As a rule he has gone at least once each year to the missions under the care of the Board, and he has carried on the correspondence incident to the home work. He has also attended and kept a record of all Board meetings, and from time to time furnished information for publication. Circular letters and personal letters to pastors have frequently been sent, and about 10,000 envelopes for special collections have been sent out to societies and congregations.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

The Women's Missionary Societies of the North and South Carolina and the Southwestern Virginia Synods, and individual societies in some of the other Synods, have continued to cordially co-operate with the Board in the general mission work. Almost all the money raised by these societies now comes into our treasury, it being understood that the money paid to the Board by Women's Societies shall be counted to make up the apportionment of the Synod to which the society belongs, and that any congregation so desiring can pay its proportionate part of general mission money through its women's society. These organizations have for some time past used one page each month in the *Lutheran Visitor* as a missionary page, and interesting and valuable information has in this way been given to the church at large. The annual conventions held by the women have been well attended, full and interesting programs have been carried out, and much good has no doubt been accomplished by them in developing interest in this work.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.

Special and successful effort has been made in several of the Synods to organize Children's Missionary Societies, and attention has been given to the request of this general body for the appointment of one Sunday in each quarter as a Missionary Sunday. We have

reason to believe that interest in mission work is growing among the children of our church.

HOME MISSIONS.

In connection with the Home Mission work we present the following details:

When this Board went into office the following missions were put under its control and direction by the former Board: Augusta, Ga.; First church, Richmond, and Trinity, Richmond; Winston, N. C.; Norfolk, Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; Asheville, N. C.; and the missions at Bristol, Greeneville, Johnson City, and Morristown in East Tennessee. The Board decided that its policy would be to continue in the main the work at these points along the lines marked out by its predecessors, as stated in the last report to this body.

AUGUSTA, GA.

The payment of $15 on the salary of the missionary at Augusta was continued until early in 1896, when a change of pastors took place. The Board desiring to decrease, and if possible to be entirely relieved from, its payment to this mission, made certain propositions to the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Synod concerning the selection of a new pastor. A satisfactory agreement not being reached, the Board declined to make any further payment on the salary of the Augusta pastor. This mission has therefore been entirely supported since that time by its own membership, aided by the South Carolina Synod. Very gratifying progress has been made in the work of this church, of which the Rev. M. O. J. Kreps is now pastor. The unprovided debt is now only $600, and the enrolled membership is 170, and in the Sunday-school there are 140 enrolled teachers and scholars.

FIRST CHURCH, RICHMOND.

The policy of the Board has been to decrease as rapidly as possible its obligation to this mission. In this effort it was heartily seconded by the pastor Rev. J. A. Morehead and the congregation, and from the first of September, 1897, the congregation has been self-sustaining as far as salary is concerned. The debt on the property is still as reported at the last meeting of this body, viz., $4,800, besides the claim of $2,500 held by the Virginia Synod and a note of $1,000 held by this Board. At the beginning of the administration of the present Board it adhered to the policy of its predecessors to sell if possible the entire property, pay off the debts, and aid the congregation in building a church in another location. Later developments indicate the wisdom of retaining the present site and aiding the congregation in constructing thereon such improvements as are necessary for the

proper prosecution of their growing work. The internal affairs of the congregation are in very satisfactory condition. The enrolled membership of the congregation is now 257 and 215 in the Sunday-school.

TRINITY, RICHMOND.

The Board has not found it either possible or advisable to put a pastor at Trinity mission in Richmond. A Sunday-school has been regularly conducted under the efficient management of Mr. J. J. Umlauf. The Board has advised the fifteen members of this mission to connect themselves with the First church and that the Sunday-school be continued.

WINSTON, N. C.

The Board has paid in full the balance of $1,000, due on the pledge of $4,000 originally made to this mission. It continues to assist the congregation to the extent of $41.67 monthly on salary. Owing to removals from the city, the congregation has been decreased somewhat since our last report, and the enrolled membership is now ninety-four, with eighty-two scholars and teachers in the Sunday-school. Rev. W. A. Lutz has continued to labor faithfully in this field.

NORFOLK, VA.

The work in Norfolk has made gratifying progress during the past two years and a half. Rev. J. E. Shenk is still the pastor. The membership has increased to 116, and there are seventy-five enrolled in the Sunday-school. The church property has been handsomely renovated and improved by the congregation. The Board has paid on the purchase price of the property $3,000, its full pledge to this mission. The Board is still obligated for the amount of $2,500, which was borrowed to purchase the property now owned by the congregation, and the interest on said loan.

ATLANTA, GA.

The arrangement by which the Secretary of the Board gave his unemployed time to the work in Atlanta has been continued. Regular services have been held weekly with but few interruptions. There have been some losses in membership, owing to removals from the city. The membership now numbers sixty-five, with thirty-five in the Sunday-school. They have regularly paid about $20 on salary and the current expenses, monthly. The Board has adhered to its desire to erect a church in Atlanta and its promise to use $5,000 for that purpose, upon the compliance by the congregation with certain conditions imposed by the Board. Up to this time the resources of

the Board have been too meagre to justify the fulfillment of its pledge. A conditional plan has been proposed, which has met the approval of the Board, which will enable the accomplishment of its desire, if the membership of the United Synod faithfully respond to this imperative need. A subscription is now being raised in Atlanta for the purchase of a lot, and about $1,000 is now in sight for this purpose, and $600 of the amount needed for the erection of a church has already been promised.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

The mission congregation was unfortunate in losing the services of Rev. L. E. Busby in the summer of 1896. Rev. C. B. King succeeded him as missionary at this place, and he served the Board acceptably until the fall of 1897. Since that time no regular pastor has been in charge of the work. Arrangements have been made to secure the services of Rev. C. Brown Cox for this mission, and he will take charge of the work in a short time. The congregation, numbering forty members, with thirty-five enrolled in the Sunday-school, will pay $15, and the Board will supplement this by a payment of $20 monthly.

THE EAST TENNESSEE MISSIONS.

Since our last report the Board has continued the work in East Tennessee. Rev. F. M. Harr serves the mission at Greeneville, at which point a neat and comfortable church has been erected at a cost of about $2,000, of which amount the Board paid $284.50, and the congregation with some help from the Holston Synod has paid the balance with the exception of about $600, which amount rests as a debt upon the mission. The membership is now twenty-seven, with a Sunday-school of eighteen teachers and scholars.

During the summer of 1897, Rev. Dr. J. C. Barb expressed a desire to discontinue his work at Morristown, and arrangements were therefore made with the Holston Synod to put this point into a pastorate with two other churches. The services of Rev. C. M. Fox were secured, and he has served this charge since January 1st, 1898. The congregation at Morristown numbers twenty-seven, with thirty-five in the Sunday-school, and the Board pays $10 monthly on the salary.

Owing to removals from the place the work at Johnson City was discontinued in the fall of 1897, and only future circumstances will determine whether this point will again be taken up. No expense had been incurred at this place for a lot or church.

Bristol, Tenn., has been placed into a pastorate with two country churches, and at present negotiations are pending looking to the securing of a missionary for this territory.

THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA MISSIONS.

For several years the Southwest Virginia Synod has been unable to carry on its own mission work and also pay the amount asked of it by the United Synod. The request was therefore made that Bluefield, Graham, Pulaski and Radford be taken under the care and control of this Board, in order that the Synod might be able with the aid of its women's convention to pay in full its apportionment as designated by this United Synod. The Board carefully considered this proposition and agreed to it. Therefore since August of 1897 the above named points have been under the care of this Board. Rev. J. A. Huffard is pastor at Pulaski and Radford, where there are eighty-nine and twenty-six members respectively. The Board pays $16.66 monthly to these points. Rev. W. H. Greever is the pastor at Bluefield, where there are fifty-nine members, and to this point the Board pays $25 monthly. Arrangements have been made with Rev. C. L. Brown to take charge of the work at Graham immediately after his graduation from the Philadelphia Seminary, next month, the Board agreeing to pay $200 a year on his salary. At Graham there is a resident membership of about forty-five, and as many in the Sunday-school. At all these places except Graham the congregations have comfortable church buildings.

FITZGERALD, GA.

In the fall of 1896 work was begun in the new colony town of Fitzgerald, Ga. The Rev. H. F. Long, who was a member of the colony, organized under the direction of the Board a Lutheran congregation with fourteen members, and this number has now increased to twenty-three, with a Sunday-school of forty-five teachers and scholars. Before the organization of the congregation a lot was bought by the Board, but it has been decided that another location will better suit the needs of the work, and Rev. Mr. Long has therefore at his own expense secured another site and erected thereon a small church. He is willing to turn this property over to the Board on very liberal terms, taking in part payment our vacant lot, and thus with the expenditure of a couple hundred dollars we will be able to secure for our congregation in Fitzgerald a desirable lot and church building. The work up to this time has been carried on with an expense to the Board of only $5 a month, as Rev. Mr. Long has given his services almost gratuitously. The congregation belongs to the Georgia Synod.

THE ALABAMA MISSION.

The work in Georgia and Alabama, known as the "Alabama Mission," was referred by the Tennessee Synod to this Board, and after investigation it was taken up. Services were conducted at three

points—at Tallapoosa, Ga., and at Zion and St. Michael's churches in Alabama. Revs. D. A. Sox and D. J. Settlemyre, of the Tennessee Synod, acted as missionaries. The work was carried on at first at an expense of $25 monthly, but the expense was afterwards reduced to $15, and then to $10 a month. At present the work is without a regular pastor in charge, but an effort is being made to secure a man for this field. The Rev. F. W. Dahlman, a German minister, has built a small but comfortable church in Tallapoosa, which he is willing to sell on easy payments to the Board for $475. This to include, of course, the church lot.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

In this growing city of about 16,000 inhabitants, there is a communicant membership in all churches of only 1,200. Much urgent pressure has been brought to bear upon the Board to take up work in this city. At its convention in August, 1897, the Virginia Synod proposed to make official request of the Board looking to this end. At the suggestion of members of the Board on the floor of the Synod, action was suspended pending investigation by the Board. Rev. J. E. Shenk, pastor at Norfolk, was authorized to canvass the city. His report justified the Board in requesting him to hold occasional services for the Lutherans whom he had found in Newport News. This he has done throughout the winter and spring. More than forty Lutherans have been found to form the nucleus of a congregation to be organized. The President of the Board recently was sent to Newport News to make thorough investigation of the outlook and need. It is the Board's confident belief, with all the facts before it, that if the work is undertaken here and pushed with the same earnestness as at Norfolk, equal results will be secured.

GREENSBORO AND LEXINGTON, N. C.

The work at Greensboro and Lexington, N. C., has been referred to this Board, and negotiations are pending looking to the locating of a missionary on this territory at an early day.

SUMMARY.

In order to give a correct idea of the work which has been done and is now being done by the Board since the organization of the United Synod in 1886, we have arranged the facts narrated in this report into a statistical table, including in this table, in order to complete the record, the churches at Augusta, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn., which are not now aided by the Board. These statistics show that about twenty missions have been organized or aided by this Board. In these missions there are at present more than 1,300 communicant members, about 1,100 Sunday-school scholars, and church property

valued at $75,000. There are at present nine missionaries in the employment of the Board, with two under appointment, and four more are now needed to carry on the work already begun or contemplated. At least seven new mission churches are now or will in the near future be needed at points where operations have already been commenced.

TABULATED STATEMENT OF MISSIONS ORGANIZED OR AIDED BY THE BOARD SINCE 1886.

STATIONS.	MEMBERS		Value of Property.	DEBT.		MONTHLY SAL.		REMARKS.
	Congregation.	Sunday-School.		Congregation.	Board.	Congregation.	Board.	
Knoxville, Tenn . .	91	112	$10000	. . .	. .	$75 00	. . .	Self-sustaining.
Augusta, Ga	170	140	12500	$ 600	. .	. . .	. . .	Aided by S. C. Synod.
Richmond, 1st ch'rch	257	212	15000	7300	. .	83 33	. . .	Self-sustaining.
Richmond, Trinity..	15	50	1500	800	. .	. . .	. . .	
Winston, N. C. . . .	94	85	12000	1000	. .	33 33	$41 66	Debt provided for.
Norfolk, Va	116	90	6000	1000	. .	50 00	40 00	Debt provided for.
Atlanta, Ga	65	35	. . .	. . .	. .	20 00	. . .	Church needed.
Asheville, N. C.. . .	45	40	. . .	. . .	. .	15 00	20 00	Church needed.
Bristol, Tenn	16	. .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	10 00	
Greeneville, Tenn .	27	18	2500	600	. .	5 00	10 00	
Morristown, Tenn .	27	35	2500	800	. .	10 00	10 00	
Fitzgerald, Ga . . .	23	45	200	. . .	.	. . .	5 00	
{ Zion, Ala	15	30	1000	. . .	. .	2 00	5 00	
{ St. Michael's, Ala..	45	30	1500	. . .	. .	2 00	5 00	
Tallapoosa, Ga . . .	20	20	500	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	
{ Pulaski, Va	89	30	5000	. . .	. .	17 00	16 66	{ Salary paid by both
{ Radford, Va	18	. .	2000	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	{ missions.
Bluefield, W. Va. . .	59	40	3000	. . .	. .	25 00	25 00	
Graham, Va	45	45	. . .	. . .	. .	16 00	17 00	Church needed.
Greensboro, N. C . .	30	. .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	To be organized.
Lexington, N. C . . .	25	. .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	To be organized.
Newport News, Va .	40	. .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	To be organized.
Total.	1332	1037	$75200	$12100	$2500	. . .	. . .	

APPORTIONMENTS OF SYNODS.

In order to carry out the direction of the United Synod to "apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000, and for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500, annually," the Board made an equable apportionment of these amounts among our Synods, and an earnest effort has been made to collect these apportionments. Monthly receipts have been published by our Treasurer, and a statement was sent out by the Executive Committee at the end of the first year, showing what had been paid by each Synod up to that time, and asking for more hearty co-operation on the part of congregations in all the Synods. From some quarters responses have been very liberal, and we wish here publicly

to return thanks to all who have assisted in raising the money which has been used in carrying on our operations. We regret however that the Treasurer's statement shows that we have come far short of the mark which we have set up for both the Home and Foreign work. We herewith give the apportionments and the responses by Synods for the two years and seven months, which exhibits all the receipts from the various district Synods for that time.

HOME MISSIONS.

APPORTIONMENTS.		RESPONSES.	
Virginia Synod	$ 3642 00	*Virginia Synod . . .	$ 3848 71
S. W. Va. Synod. . . .	2490 00	S. W. Va. Synod . . .	1008 44
North Carolina Synod	4507 00	†North Carolina Synod	1641 79
South Carolina Synod	4352 00	South Carolina Synod	2530 31
Holston Synod	1290 00	Holston Synod	312 07
Georgia Synod	1270 00	Georgia Synod	976 79
Tennessee Synod . . .	4172 00	Tennessee Synod . . .	134 01
Mississippi Synod . .	448 00	Mississippi Synod . . .	20 00
Total	$22171 00	Total	$10472 12

NEEDS OF THE WORK.

From the statements above made it is evident that the work of our church in the home mission field in the South constantly increases. It can readily be seen that with an increasing work more money will also constantly be needed—more missionaries are to be paid, more churches are to be built, and other necessary expenses constantly grow. Arguing from the progress which is being made in all parts of the South, and the growth of our church in this territory, there can be no doubt that in the future there will be greater need for increased liberality on the part of our people, if as a church we are to take advantage of all the opportunities of growth presented to us. If liberality shall so increase that our Synods will be able to pay in full their apportionments, then the Board will be able to pay all its current and increasing obligations, and to build the needed churches. That it is possible for the apportionments to be paid in full is evident when we look at what has been done by individual churches. It is to be desired therefore that our ministers and people shall be more deeply impressed with the responsibility which rests upon them in this matter. It is important that our ideas of what our people can do should be enlarged. By means of proper thought and information some proper basis of consecration must be put into their hearts. They must be reminded that all their possessions are God's, and that

*Exclusive of Mr. Crickenberger's bequest and inclusive of the pledges to Norfolk to the amount of $1363.04.

† Inclusive of the Winston pledge.

He who has done so much for them both temporally and spiritually calls them to this work of the extension of His church. Liberality along all lines of Christian work must be encouraged and enlarged in order that these special objects may receive due attention.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—JAPAN.

The Staunton convention committed to this Board certain problems requiring decision, affecting the future work and policy of the mission, and, having prayerfully and earnestly entered upon our duties, the Board now presents this report of their actions for the consideration and approval of this body. The Board has conscientiously and to their best ability not alone decided the grave issues inherited from the former Board, but the intricate questions constantly arising in the conduct of foreign missions.

THE RETURN OF REV. R. B. PEERY.

This Synod will recall the relation of Mr. Peery to the Board and the mission, and the question of his employment by the Board and return to Japan which was referred to us for decision. The Board thoroughly examined the record of the former Board and its actions, a close and searching examination of Mr. Peery, who appeared before the Board, was had, and, after hours given to its consideration, the resolution was adopted to re-commission Mr. Peery, and have him return at once to Japan. Mr. Peery, after visiting some of the churches, sailed with his wife for Japan from San Francisco, October 22, 1895, and arrived at Saga, Japan, November 18, 1895. The wisdom of this decision has become apparent to the Board and its judgment confirmed by the events and history of the Japan mission for the past two and a half years. The full proceedings of this meeting of the Board were published at the time in the church papers for the information of the church.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

In the early months of our appointment the question that the Board adopt a rule, allowing $100 increase of salary for each child of the missionaries, was urged upon the Board by the missionaries. This increase of salary was asked of the former Board and committed to us for decision. The rule and practice of the other Boards doing foreign work was urged as a guide for us, and that the allowance was necessary for the comfortable support of the missionary and his family. The Board, after a frank and full consideration of this question, appreciating the views and reasons presented by the brethren in Japan, together with the rule of the Boards of other denominations, decided not to grant the allowance and thereby establish the principle involved. The reasons leading to this declination of the

request were given fully in a letter to the missionaries, dated January 7, 1896.

SALARY OF MISSIONARY PEERY.

When Mr. Peery as a single man was sent out by the former Board, the congregation of Grace church, Winchester, pledged to pay his salary, it being $750 per annum. Though the pledge was for that sum annually, when Mr. Peery was re-commissioned for the Japan field, and, having married, his salary thereby becoming $1050 per annum, the said congregation assumed the increased amount necessary for his salary, which they have each month regularly and promptly paid into the treasury of the Board. The spirit and example of this congregation should provoke other congregations to consecrated interest in the foreign work.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING OF NATIVE HELPERS.

The method of the training and preparation of our native helpers is a subject of profound importance. The future of our work in Japan largely depends on what is done in this way. The Board, after getting the views of our missionaries and giving the subject careful consideration, decided to insist that for the present our missionaries should teach the students for the ministry. With reluctance the brethren there took up this work, not because they did not realize its importance, but the difficulties besetting the work in lack of textbooks in Japanese and having their hours already occupied with manifold duties. The Board permitted the two missionaries to arrange the schedule of studies and the allotment of the teaching, and it is gratifying to us to state that the reports rendered of this work have been exceedingly encouraging. The course arranged was thorough and on a Lutheran basis, Mr. Scherer teaching Church History and Exegesis, and Mr. Peery Didactic and Practical Theology, and since Mr. Scherer's return the instruction has been done solely by Mr. Peery. From a list of examination questions given the candidates and sent the Board, the instruction has been thorough. As a result of this work, our force of native helpers will be now increased by men of our own training, and the Board has already authorized Mr. Peery to employ these brethren as soon as they complete the course in the work of the mission. It is proper here to record the fact that St. John's church, Charleston, supported Koike San and Christ church, Staunton, Dr. Totsuka, during this period of training, as their students for the ministry. The Board may say for information to the church that our students were never sent to Reformed schools for training, and the Board never seriously considered such a policy. It is the deep and abiding conviction of the Board

that our work in Japan must be strictly on the lines of true Lutheran teaching, not because it is Lutheran, but because in so doing the work rests on the Word of God. Japan, like America, has many voices presenting every imaginable phase of teaching—rationalism, Unitarianism, &c., and the hope of our work, permanent and far-reaching, is to build it on the simple truth of our own Confessions.

RETURN TO AMERICA AND RESIGNATION OF REV. J. A. B. SCHERER.

In July, 1896, the Board was informed of the serious condition of the health of Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, and early in that month he left Saga, for Sapporo, a health resort in the mountains, hoping the change would restore him. Dr. Henry Hartshorne, an eminent specialist, pronounced his trouble congestion of the brain and prescribed rest for him. In August, on the advice of his physician, he resigned his position in the Government school at Saga, of which action the Board communicated to him its cordial approval. This was done to lessen his labors the coming year, preferring to give his time and strength solely to the mission. Remaining in Sapporo until about October 1st, he went to Tokyo for a few weeks, hoping then to return to Saga about November 1st, to take up his labors.

The Board sincerely hoped the rest and change would restore Mr. Scherer, but in November the following letter and certificates were received, in which Mr. S. requested that he be permitted to return to America. The Board granted his request. The letter and certificates are here given :

8 TSUKIJI, TOKYO, OCTOBER 19, 1896.

REV. L. L. SMITH,

PRESIDENT LUTHERAN BOARD OF MISSIONS, STRASBURG, VA.,

Dear Sir :—Mr. Scherer received your kind sympathetic letter yesterday. It did us both good, coming as it did at a crisis. Mr. Scherer is worse since he came to Tokyo. He improved at Sapporo ; but leaving that bracing air has told on his health as the enclosed certificate shows.

No one could be more surprised at the turn of affairs than Mr. Scherer, but under the circumstances, we feel that there is nothing to be done but to follow the Doctor's advice, and apply for means to return to America at once. It is for this purpose we write. Dr. Macdonald is an eminent physician, having the confidence and patronage of all the foreign residents of Tokyo. He is himself an ordained minister. As this is a matter of great importance, we enclose a note concerning Dr. Macdonald, written by a well known third party, Dr. T. T. Alexander of the Presbyterian Mission. All Mr. Scherer's friends agree that a trip home is necessary. Mr. Swift (Y. M. C. A. Sec.) is especially earnest in urging him to go home, as he experienced the same trouble. We ourselves cannot but think that going home is positively necessary. While my husband deeply regrets the necessity of this demand upon you, he is comforted somewhat by the facts that he has earned 3,000 yen ($1,500) for the use of the mission by his work in the Saga school, and that his services have already extended over a period of five years. * * * * So we will arrange to leave Japan, December 25th, hoping that you will let us hear from you as soon as possible. Yours sincerely,

MRS. SCHERER.

The Board will please regard the above as a letter from me, as it was written by my suggestion, and with my entire approval.

Tokyo, Japan, October 19, 1896. J. A. B. SCHERER.

4 TSUKIJI, TOKYO, JAPAN, OCTOBER 19, 1896.

The Rev. Mr. Scherer has been suffering for some time from head trouble (* * *), which entirely incapacitates him for work. This ailment is quite common in Japan, and is the cause of a large proportion of the missionary breakdowns.

The recovery will involve a long period, say a year, of complete rest. In this case, I deem a change of conditions and climate essential. I therefore recommend that Mr. Scherer go to America on furlough, as soon as arrangements for going can be made. D. MACDONALD, M. D.

Dr. D. Macdonald who has given Mr. Scherer's certificate is an entirely competent physician who has been in Japan for more than twenty years, and who has had a very wide experience with missionaries of different Boards and different nationalities. His certificates are recognized by all Boards having representatives of long standing in this country. T. T. ALEXANDER,

Tokyo, Japan, October 19, 1896. *Am. Presbyterian Mission.*

Mr. Scherer left Japan, January 10, 1897, and arrived in this country February 10, 1897. After recuperating at New Concord, Ohio, and Laurinburgh, N. C., he requested that the Board grant him a conference which was held at Winchester, April 6, 1897. The Japan Mission in every phase was considered at this conference, together with the position of Mr. Scherer and his health. At that conference Mr. Scherer tendered his written resignation, stating as his reasons: 1, health; 2, lack of means. It was with deep regret that the Board accepted his resignation, and the loss of his services to our mission is keenly felt by all interested in this great work. Mr. Scherer had inaugurated the mission at Saga, and his labors had been eminently successful, and to Mr. Scherer no less than the Board his resignation caused the deepest regret.

THE NEED OF WORKERS.

Since Mr. Scherer's affliction early in the summer of 1896, the mission has been under the sole direction of Mr. Peery, with the aid of the native helpers. Mr. Peery not alone has been superintending the mission with its chapels and Sunday-schools, but has given much time to theological instruction. The present Board, in the first months of its existence, felt the need of sending out at least another man, giving us three instead of two foreigners. There are many reasons for such a number, and just as soon as the man could be secured and the means in hand, such a step was to be taken. Before that could be realized, the withdrawal of Mr. Scherer on account of health has left the mission with a single foreigner. This is deeply regretted by the Board, and, at our meeting accepting Mr. Scherer's resignation, the Board promptly extended a call to one of our breth-

ren. Since this the Board has prayerfully and urgently made effort after effort to secure a suitable person to take Mr. Scherer's place, but thus far our overtures have been unavailing. It is with pain and regret we report the failure of these efforts, but our faith is strong and abiding that in the Lord's own time the man for the work will be forthcoming. In our correspondence with our missionaries, the enlargement of the work has been earnestly pressed by them, and the occupancy of such inviting fields as Kurume impressed upon us. The "open door" is before us, and with the means our treasury should command and the men for the work, no one can forecast what our mission could accomplish. The privilege and opportunity are ours—and ours is the duty to accept the gracious opening.

THE COMMON SERVICE IN JAPANESE AND THE MISSION'S LUTHERAN CHARACTER.

Under the auspices of the former Board, Luther's Small Catechism in Japanese was published, and work was done on the Common Service. In the summer of 1897 was published the edition of the Common Service in Japanese for the use of our mission church. It is a book of 430 pages, neatly and durably bound, and tastefully and distinctly printed. The mechanical work is excellent, and gives a Westerner an idea of the skill of the progressive Japanese. It was printed in Tokyo by authority of the Board and under the direction of our missionary, Mr. Peery. We may say that its appearance is due in no small measure to the liberality of the members of a Sunday-school class of Grace church, Winchester, who several years ago gave the Board the means to encourage its publication.

The contents of the book are as follows: Morning Service; Vesper Service; Matin Service; Full Table of Introits and Collects; Collects and Prayer; Litany and Suffrages; The Bidding Prayer; Passion History; The Order for Baptism, Confirmation, Public Confession, Installation of Church Council, Ordination, Marriage Service, and Burial Service.

The history of the translation is, that after the Catechism was published, which was the work of Mr. Scherer, Mr. Peery began the work of translating the Service in connection with his teacher who is a fair English scholar. The Service, after the Catechism, was most needed in the development of the mission. This work extended over two years. After this translation was made by Mr. Peery and his teacher, Mr. Scherer reviewed the more important parts, and suggested some changes. The Board has the assurance it is a faithful translation and a testimony to the scholarship of the translator and his assistants. The influence of this work on the church of Japan in the future no one can estimate. It will preach the pure Gospel and

guide men how to worship the adorable Trinity wherever it shall go and into whose lives it shall fall. How fortunate that so early in the life of our Japan church, it has the Catechism and the Service of our beloved Zion, to guide and mould its unfolding. This is especially so when it is remembered how greatly Japan needs the simple Gospel and its worship as over against the rationalism and liberalism abundant among other missions and missionaries.

The Board here incorporates the following from Mr. Peery, giving the church an idea of the Lutheran character of the mission, for the simple reason that objection has been raised by brethren of the Southern church along that line:

"It seems that some ministers in our United Synod have questioned the sound Lutheranism of the work our mission is doing here. I am sorry that any doubt should have arisen upon this point, and I feel sure that a knowledge of the circumstances will be sufficient to remove it.

"Unfortunately it has been necessary up to this time for us to use native helpers trained in other schools, or use none at all. We have used very profitably two men whose antecedent training has not been Lutheran. This was necessary in the beginning of our work; but from this time forward it is our intention to train as far as possible our own men. I am giving regular instruction at present to two men in sound Lutheran theology, and there is no doubt that they will make conservative Lutheran ministers. The men we have used up to this time, through their association with us and our form of teaching and worship, have also imbibed the Lutheran spirit and doctrine, and their work leaves little to be desired in this regard.

"It seems to me that the Lutheran status of our little congregation here is almost ideal. They are sound Lutherans, and yet they do not know it. Lutheranism as distinct from other forms of theology has hardly been brought to their notice. In fact Lutheranism and Christianity are one and the same with them because they have known no other form of faith. Very few of them have come into contact with other Christian bodies, and some of them have never heard a sermon except from us. Their faith and life has been shaped and developed exclusively by us; and it has not been warped and perverted by contact with other doctrines, as is often the case in the West. Christianity as known and conceived by them is the Lutheran conception of it, and many of them do not know that there is any other.

"The only theological books that most of our people have seen or studied are Luther's Catechism and the Common Service, with Orders for Ministerial Acts. The pure doctrine taught in these little books

has not been modified or affected by reading or hearing of other doctrines, but is the sole system of theology known here. Certainly their Lutheranism cannot be questioned.

"For two years we have used the Common Service in full in our morning worship. We have not taken it in parts or by piecemeal, but have used the full service. Our people like it, and the responses are all ready and hearty. We can render the service very well—much better than the average congregation at home. As in theology so in worship, our people know nothing else except the use of a liturgy in morning worship. In the evening we do not use the Vesper Service because our evening meetings are intended to reach unbelievers.

"Our work is soundly Lutheran, and should command the respect and support of the most conservative."

HELPFUL INFORMATION.

During the time covered by this report, Mr. Scherer as long as he was in Japan, and Mr. Peery continuously, kept the Board informed of the work, writing many interesting and promising facts in the inner life of the mission. The church papers disseminated their intelligent views of the work in numerous articles, and the compact history of the mission, published in tract form by the Board, was exceedingly stimulating and quickened the interest in the work. During the past year, Mr. Peery published a book, giving a concise statement of missionary work in Japan, under the title "The Gist of Japan." His prime object in writing this book was to inform our own people concerning missions in Japan, and thus directly aid this work. A very cordial reception has been given this book both in America and England, and it is already in the second edition. The Board would urge our people to read this book, and receive the intelligent aid it offers to all interested in missions in Japan.

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE MISSION.

The Board requested Mr. Peery to send a statement of the work and needs of the Mission as he saw the problem, and portions of that paper are hereby given to the church as information.

" During the past two and a half years the fortunes of our mission have been varied. * * * * With much to discourage us, we have not been without encouragement also. The present condition of the work shows that the church is face to face with an opportunity here; but it also shows that the present force is unable to meet it, and it is imperatively necessary that our mission be reinforced at once.

"Our membership is almost twice as large as it was when the United Synod met at Staunton, in 1895. Since then we have baptized

about eighteen adults and ten children. There have been four or five receptions from other churches of people who moved into our city from elsewhere. We have lost two members by death, four by dismissal, and four by excommunication.

"If all of our members were actually present in Saga we would have a good congregation here, but not more than one-half of them are residents here now. * * * * Some of our members are in Formosa, some in Corea, and some in Hawaii; while others are scattered over all Japan. Not all of those living in Saga attend church regularly, and the average attendance at morning service is about thirty-five. On ordinary communion occasions we have from twenty to twenty-five communicants present.

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"Little progress has been made in self-support. Weekly collections are taken and nearly every one gives something. The people need not only education, but resources as well, before they can do much towards self-support. They are extremely poor. The monthly income of all the people in our church here in Saga, excepting the paid helpers, when added together would not amount to one hundred dollars. Most of the converts have hardly enough to eat and wear, and cannot be expected to give much to the church.

"Two new chapels have been added to our number of regular preaching places since our last report to Synod. Both of them are in the city of Saga, and the rent and incidental expenses of one of them have been borne by myself. * * * * The work in Wakatsu, Ogi, and Kubota, has been kept up regularly, and attendance is fairly good. One more convert has been baptized in Wakatsu, and one in Ogi. In Kubota we have no converts, but have a prosperous Sunday-school from which we hope for much fruit.

"In native workers the mission is very fortunate. The two evangelists we have had for some years are growing in Bible knowledge, and in zeal and activity. They are good, faithful men, and any success our mission has met is largely due to them. For the past two years two young men have been instructed in a course of sound Lutheran theology; and this year the class was increased by the addition of another man of many years experience as a Christian lay-worker. Two of these men will be ready for regular work at the end of this scholastic year; and the other one will do some work while he continues his studies one year longer. I trust we will soon have three new evangelists, well grounded in Lutheran theology. This theological instruction has occupied much of my time for the past two years. I have given twenty hours per week to it. The men have been instructed in the same course that is taught in our seminaries at home, and they have made gratifying progress.

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"In addition to the other work, considerable instruction has been given in the English Bible, and in conversational classes. In this way I have gained admission to certain society in the city which was formerly closed to me, and have found opportunity for exerting, in an indirect manner, considerable influence for Christianity.

"We have felt very keenly the loss of Rev. and Mrs. Scherer during the past year, and our work has suffered because of their absence. It has not only been lonely here without them, but it has been impossible for me to do all the work pressing to be done.

NEEDS OF THE MISSION.

"The great need of our work is more missionaries. *It is absolutely essential to successful work that the mission be reinforced at once.* I trust Synod will realize this, and take steps to put two or more men into the field before this year is out. The one man as a substitute for Rev. Scherer, for whom the Board has been searching, will not be sufficient of himself. The church should not be satisfied when she has placed that man in the field. When we have a new man in Mr. Scherer's stead our mission will be just where it was five years ago, as regards foreign workers. We cannot be satisfied with that; our force must grow.

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"Another need of the mission is the expansion of the work on the field, and the small sum of money necessary to such an expansion. We ought to put one man in Kumamoto at once, and another in Kurume or Fukuoka soon. I have the man for Kumamoto now, and will have the one for Kurume before long. Ten dollars per month at the outside would cover the expenses at each of these stations; including rent, incidentals, and traveling expenses.

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"We are beginning to feel the need of a church building now. A subscription has been started and our people are laying by a certain amount each month, aggregating about twelve yen, for a church building in the future. This is an extremely liberal contribution for them, and requires self-denial on their part.

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"God's blessing has rested upon the mission during these two and a half years, and He has opened the doors and given us an opportunity here. May He give the Southern Lutheran church the inclination and ability to meet it!"

R. B. PEERY.

STATISTICS OF JAPAN MISSION.

FIELD OF OPERATIONS, ISLAND OF KYUSHYU, CITY OF SAGA, AND VICINITY.	Ordained Missionaries.	Unordained Native Helpers.	Stations.	Communicants.	Added Last Year.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in Sunday-schools.	Monthly Salaries of Missionaries.	Monthly Salaries of Helpers.	Candidates for the Ministry.
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*Part of time. †Part of time whilst two missionaries were in the field, and in gold.

OUR FUTURE POLICY.

Many perplexing questions have constantly arisen in the conduct of our mission. The Board has attempted frankly, in their correspondence with the mission, to state their views. Not always do the missionaries and the Board see things in the same light, but, in all our correspondence, the Board has desired to impress the fact that its desire was to advance the great cause according to its best judgment, and that it gave their opinions the fullest confidence and greatest weight. But the Board cannot do the impossible, and this leads to the first important fact in connection with our work for the future.

1. Each Synod must realize its obligation to raise its apportionment. The work, with so many possibilities and opportunities, cannot be done without money. This convention of Synod should clearly take such action that the Board may know on what amount it can depend for this work. If the church proposes to do this work, let her in an earnest spirit do it. Resolutions making apportionments seem to signify little.

2. The Board is of the opinon, that with our privilege comes our responsibility. The Japan mission has been blessed of God, and its work should stir us up to renewed zeal in the cause. With our present apportionments *raised*, three men could be in Japan instead of one. The mission needs them to enlarge and develop the work—to make permanent and abiding our work in that land. If the mission is to train its own native helpers, there must be three men to do the work efficiently and successfully. And this Board is firmly and clearly of the opinion that when the means are available the mission should be strengthened by the sending out of two additional missionaries.

3. The Board has carefully considered the ownership of church property in Japan. The establishment of a central church in Saga from which our influence can radiate in all directions should be the purpose of the next few years by the Board. When the treaty granting foreigners the right to own property in Japan goes into effect, the Board should put to use the Miller bequest for that purpose.

4. With the securing of church property should come the inauguration of a Lutheran congregation in all its details and requirements, placing the mission on a solid and permanent foundation.

APPORTIONMENTS.

The following exhibit shows the various apportionments of the Synods for the two years and seven months and the amounts paid on the same:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

APPORTIONMENTS.		RESPONSES.	
Virginia Synod . . .	$ 2978 00	Virginia Synod	$ 4846 94
S. W. Va. Synod. . . .	1355 00	S. W. Va. Synod . .	879 33
North Carolina Synod	2688 00	North Carolina Synod	1660 06
South Carolina Synod	2756 00	South Carolina Synod	1231 06
Holston Synod	787 00	Holston Synod	279 72
Georgia Synod	755 00	Georgia Synod . . .	326 46
Tennessee Synod. . .	2625 00	Tennessee Synod . . .	109 22
Mississippi Synod . .	274 00	Mississippi Synod . .	10 00
Total	$14218 00	Total	$ 9342 79

BOARD OF MISSIONS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From October 1, 1895, to May 1, 1898.

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

By balance on hand at closing books Sept. 10, 1895 . . .	$ 427 22
By contributions and interest received by former Treasurer in September and October, 1895	143 96
By balance in Charleston Savings Bank (not included in last Board report)	209 10
By contributions in 2 years and 7 months, including bequest of $285 (net) of Mr. Saml. Crickenberger . . .	8933 98
By Richmond, Va., 1st church towards pastor's salary . .	1466 63
By Richmond, Va., 2d church towards pastor's salary . . .	12 50
By Winston, N. C., church towards pastor's salary	933 29
By Norfolk, Va., church towards pastor's salary	1512 09
By Augusta, Ga., church towards pastor's salary	72 00
By Asheville, N. C., church towards pastor's salary	507 57
By Morristown, Greeneville, and Sinking Creek, pastor's sal.	371 55
By Atlanta, Ga., church towards pastor's salary	590 00
By Alabama mission towards pastor's salary	18 70
By Greeneville, Tenn. (since Sept., 1896), towards pas. sal.	26 54
By Fitzgerald, Ga., towards pastor's salary	1 25
By Bluefield, W. Va., towards pastor's salary	112 30

By Pulaski and Radford, Va., towards pastor's salary	$ 80 90
By interest from savings banks	110 09
By balance pledge N. C. Synod to Winston	460 10
By pledges Virginia Synod to Norfolk	1363 04
By loan made to pay Board's pledge to Norfolk	2500 00
By special contribution for church at Greensboro	11 50
Total	$19864 31

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To amt. paid out by former Treasurer in September and October, including draft to Mr. Scherer of $75	$ 109 40
To 1st Richmond church, salary pastor	1933 31
To Winston, N. C., church, salary pastor	2399 92
To Norfolk, Va., church, salary pastor	2672 09
To Augusta, Ga., church, salary pastor	117 00
To Asheville, N. C., church, salary pastor	1454 23
To Morristown, Greeneville, and Sinking Creek, salary past.	778 15
To Atlanta, Ga., ¾ salary Rev. L. K. Probst as pastor and Secretary of Board	2371 26
To Alabama mission, salary pastor	433 00
To Greeneville, Tenn. (since Sept., 1896), salary pastor	221 54
To Fitzgerald, Ga., salary pastor	76 25
To Bluefield, W. Va., salary pastor	328 96
To Pulaski and Radford, salary pastor	229 83
To Fitzgerald, Ga., lot, investment account	20 00
To Greeneville, Tenn., investment account (in full)	284 50
To Winston, N. C., investment account (in full)	1060 90
To Norfolk, Va., investment account (in full)	3000 00
To interest on Richmond debt	200 00
To ¾ of all current expenses, including the traveling expenses of President and Secretary to Board meetings, Synods, and mission points, railroad fare of members of Board to its meetings, missionary literature and reports, stationery, etc.	317 99
To cash balance in Treasury, May 1, 1898, after paying all salaries to that date	1855 98
Total	$19864 31

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

From October 1, 1895, to May 1, 1898.

By balance on hand at closing books, Sept. 10, 1895	$ 1746 16
By interest on above in September	7 56

By draft paid Rev. J. A. B. Scherer out of Home funds . .	75 00
By contributions in 2 years and 7 months, which includes all regular contributions from Synods and societies, all special contributions for education and support of native preachers and renting of chapels, a special contribution of $20 for sending another missionary to Japan and the two years' interest on the Geo. F. Miller legacy to July 1, 1897, of $48	9390 79
Total	$11219 51

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To amt. paid out by former Treas. in Sept. and Oct., 1895	$ 225 61
To salary, health and teacher's allowance, paid Rev. J. A. B. Scherer	1356 00
To salary, health and teacher's allowance, paid Rev. R. B. Peery to July 1, 1898	3018 75
To returning traveling exp. of Rev. R. B. Peery to Japan	508 95
To returning trav. exp. of Rev. J. A. B. Scherer to America	497 93
To salaries and educational allowances for all helpers and students, rentals of chapels, house repairs, furniture, traveling expenses, insurance and taxes in Japan . .	2003 78
To ¼ salary Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary	883 74
To ¼ of the current expenses in the administration of the Board in America	106 00
To cash bal. in Treasury May 1, 1898	2618 75
Total	$11219 51

ASSETS.

Note of Richmond mission	$ 1000 00
Mortgage on Trinity church, Augusta, Ga	2500 00
Mortgage on St. John's church, Knoxville, Tenn	4000 00
Mortgage on Augsburg church, Winston, N. C.	4000 00
Mortgage on 1st church, Norfolk, Va.	3000 00
Mortgage on Reformation church, Greeneville, Tenn . . .	300 00
City Charleston, S. C., 4 per cent. bonds, par value	600 00

LIABILITIES.

Loan made April 9, 1895	$ 2500 00
Interest due on same to May 1, 1898	458 75

J. E. COOPER, TREASURER.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are made by the Board for the approval of this body:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday-schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

5. That each district Synod be requested to print, in separate columns of their parochial tables, the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the home and foreign work of the Board of Missions.

CONCLUSION.

This report tells the story for the past two years and seven months. What has been done at home and in Japan should stimulate the church to larger things. Our opportunities are great, *and the chief need is a larger income for the Board.* If the zeal and interest of many in the Southern church should find expression among *all our people*—pastors, congregations, and individuals, and the Southern church would stand together in this great responsibility to the faith of our fathers, then our work could be zealously prosecuted and this Southland dotted with growing missions, and eventually strong congregations would be established in every centre of influence. The Board has done the best it could with its meagre income, and with so much to do and such small means to do it with, this report is now presented in the yearning hope that this convention will set itself to the task of providing the revenue that our missionaries can prosecute intensively our mission work at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted, L. L. SMITH,
W. L. SEABROOK,
L. G. M. MILLER,
J. P. STIREWALT,
J. E. COOPER,
G. M. BELTZHOOVER,
H. S. TROUT.

Newberry, S. C.,
May 11, 1898.

On motion, the time of meeting on tomorrow morning was changed from half-past nine o'clock to ten in order that the Synod might accept the invitation of President Cromer to visit Newberry College at nine o'clock.

On motion, the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was deferred until four o'clock this afternoon.

On motion, the following committee was appointed, to which were referred report of Mr. W. J. Duffie, also other papers relating to the publication of the Book of Worship. Committee—Revs. H. S. Wingard, H. F. Scheele, L. E. Busby, and Messrs. R. G. Chisholm and J. E. Cooper.

On motion, a paper on the Theological Seminary, presented by the delegation of the South Carolina Synod, was read and referred to Committee on Theological Seminary.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Wilson.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod having been called to order, prayers were led by Rev. F. V. N. Painter.

Revs. H. A. McCullough and R. L. Patterson were received as advisory members.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary offered the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary asks leave to submit the following report:

1. The Board met in Columbia, April 9, 1896, and was organized by the election of the following officers: Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, president; Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland, vice-president; Hon. H. S. Trout, treasurer; and Geo. B. Cromer, secretary.

2. By authority of resolution, adopted by this Synod at its last

meeting, directing "that another theological professor be employed by the directors, to begin labor at the opening of the session, beginning in October, 1896," the Board elected a second professor, and fixed his salary at $1200. The salary of the first professor was also fixed at $1200.

3. In accordance with the action of Synod authorizing the Directors "to provide for his support by calling upon the district Synods for a pro rata appropriation thereto," the following apportionment was made for the salary of the second professor:

North Carolina Synod	$300.00
Tennessee Synod	225.00
South Carolina Synod	325.00
Virginia Synod	275.00
Southwest Virginia Synod	200.00
Holston Synod	75.00
Georgia Synod	100.00
	$1500.00

4. Dr. Voigt was authorized to visit the district Synods in the interest of the Seminary. He attended a number of the meetings, and his expenses were paid by the Board.

5. The gentleman elected to the second professorship declined the call. All the district Synods acted favorably upon the apportionments for salary of the second professor, except the Tennessee Synod, which declined to accede to its apportionment.

6. The Board met again in Columbia, December 11, 1896. The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we request the district Synods to have their apportionments for the salary of the second professor of the Theological Seminary so arranged that they may be paid quarterly, on the first day of January, April, July and October, on the draft of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Seminary; and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to draw on the various Synods for their apportionments for the current year, at the time of their next annual meetings, or sooner if practicable."

7. Before proceeding to the election of a second professor, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That, for the curtailing of the expense of the meetings of the Board, we elect one, and by our recommendation to the Executive Committee of a second and a third, authorize it to act for the Board in case of the declination of either."

The Board then, by ballot, elected one and recommended two others.

8. Dr. Voigt was again authorized to attend the meetings of the district Synods, in the interest of the Seminary. The expenses in-

curred by the members in attending these meetings of the Board were paid by the Treasurer, upon the warrant of the Board.

9. At this meeting it was decided that Dr. E. T. Horn be requested to serve as Special Lecturer in the Seminary, and that his expenses in filling this office be paid by the Treasurer. In answer to this request, Dr. Horn rendered valuable services by delivering a course of lectures to the Seminary students.

10. The constitution was so amended that five members shall constitute a quorum; and the officers of the Board shall constitute an Executive Committee, with power to act during interims.

11. The gentleman elected to the second professorship, at the December meeting, and the two recommended to the Executive Committee for election, declined to accept the position; and no further election has been held.

12. May 15, 1897, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn resigned the presidency of the Board of Directors, and the Vice-President immediately entered upon the discharge of the duties of the office.

13. November 9, 1897, the Rev. Dr. W. S. Bowman presented the principal part of his library, together with a large walnut book-case, to the Theological Seminary, on the sole condition that the Seminary pay the expense of packing and shipping the same. Suitable action is recommended, in acknowledgment of the gift. Our churches in Charleston have generously offered to pay the cost of packing and shipping the library, which is now in Charlotte, subject to the orders of Synod.

14. The following is the latest statement presented by the Treasurer:

STATEMENT OF H. S. TROUT, TREASURER,
LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN THE SOUTH.

1897.

Dec. 9.	To cash in hands of Treasurer	$2,910.14
	To amount due by Virginia Synod	2,000.00
	To amount yet to be paid from Barrier estate . . .	750.00
	This is the corpus	$5,660.14

The amount collected from the estate of Prof. W. A. Barrier so far in cash is $2,361.90. We hold quite a number of lots in the town of Salem, Va., which were derived from his estate, but these are of but little value at the present time. H. S. TROUT, TREASURER.

15. November 25, 1897, the Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt resigned his position in the Seminary, to take effect at the expiration of this scholastic year, June 1, 1898. Dr. Voigt's withdrawal will be a serious loss to the Seminary, and as yet no action has been taken to fill the vacancy created by his resignation.

16. Though the Board advertised for bids for the permanent location of the Seminary, in obedience to instructions given at the last meeting of this Synod, no bids have been presented for consideration.

17. The following information in regard to the work of the Seminary during the sessions 1895–6 and 1896–7, is furnished by Prof. Voigt: In the session of 1895–6 ten students were in attendance, four in the Middle class and six in the Junior. In the session of 1896-7, nine students were in attendance, two in the Senior class, four in the Middle class, and three in the Junior. Three of the students of the preceding year had not returned in October, 1896, but there were two accessions. In June, 1897, Mr. Tilman W. Shealy successfully completed the Seminary course.

In October, 1897, the Seminary opened with eight students—all of the students of the preceding year, except one who had completed the course. There were no accessions. The students this year were classified as follows: five in the Senior class and three in the Junior class.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND, ACTING PRESIDENT.

GEO. B. CROMER, SECRETARY.

The Treasurer having not yet arrived the reading of the Treasurer's Report was postponed until tomorrow.

On motion, the matter of *Discipline* was referred to the Committee on Common Service.

The Committee on President's Report presented the following, which was received to be considered seriatim.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

The President in his report gives a complete but concise review of his official acts and of the weighty problems that confront our Southern Lutheran church at this time, demanding solution. The following items require the consideration of this body:

1. The President calls attention to the proposed Lutheran diet, its endorsement by the General Synod and the General Council, and the appointment of Dr. S. W. Owen and Dr. Henry E. Jacobs respectively to represent these bodies on a committee of arrangement for such diet. In accord with the President's suggestion,

1. We recommend that a representative from this body be appointed to act in co-operation with the other general bodies on the committee of arrangement.

2. In regard to the reorganization of Common Service Committee, and the efforts looking to the securing of one common Book of Wor-

ship: We recommend the appointment of a committee of three to have all these matters in charge, and suggest the following brethren: Rev. A. G. Voigt, Rev. L. A. Fox, Rev. R. C. Holland.

3. In regard to co-operation with other general bodies, the interests entrusted to the Board of Missions, home and foreign, Board of Directors of Theological Seminary, and other general matters, to which the President calls attention, we have no recommendations to offer inasmuch as these items will receive consideration in regular order.

4. We recommend that the hearty thanks of this body be tendered the President for the earnest, efficient, and faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of his responsible office.

J. A. MOREHEAD,
V. R. STICKLEY,
J. L. DERRICK,
J. W. JENNY.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted as amended.

Items 3 and 4. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned, being led in prayer by Rev. H. N. Miller.

At 8.30 p. m., divine services were held, and addresses were delivered upon the subject of *Home Missions* by E. L. Greever, Esq., and Rev. H. F. Scheele.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 10 A. M.

Synod met, and was led in prayer by Rev. S. T. Hallman. In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. J. J. Scherer was made Secretary *pro tem.* On motion, the reading of minutes was postponed until this afternoon.

Mr. H. S. Boner, Superintendent of the Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia, was recognized and accorded the privilege of presenting such matters as he might wish.

The Secretary having arrived, the motion to postpone the reading of minutes was reconsidered, and the minutes were read and approved.

On motion, all literary titles were ordered to be omitted from the minutes except on the clerical roll.

At half past ten o'clock, according to previous resolution, the floor of Synod was accorded to Rev. Chas. Edw. Keller, fraternal representative of the General Synod. Rev. Keller, in a very cordial manner, conveyed the greetings of that body to the United Synod, to which the President made fitting response.

The committee, to which were referred report of Mr. W. J. Duffie and other papers relative to the publication of the Book of Worship, presented the following report, which was received to be considered by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF W. J. DUFFIE, AND OTHER PAPERS.*

1. Mr. Duffie's account shows that he is due this Synod one hundred and twenty-five dollars and eighty-four cents ($125.84), for which he has sent a draft. We recommend that this draft be turned over to the Treasurer of Synod.

2. (a) The other papers are the copyright to the Book of Worship and memoranda of various contracts with Mr. W. J. Duffie for the publication of said book. These papers show that the contract expires with this meeting of Synod, and that "all plates copyright of said Book of Worship, and all appurtenances thereto belonging" do now become the property of Synod. We therefore recommend that the Common Service Committee take the necessary steps to secure to this Synod this property; (b) and also to continue the publication of the Book of Worship in such quantities as may be necessary for the supply of our churches until the next regular or called meeting of the Synod.

Resolved, That our Committee on Common Service be instructed to confer with similar committees of other general bodies, or in any other way which may be most proper, concerning the securement of a Common Book of Service throughout, including liturgy, ministerial acts, and hymns—or, in other words, a book identically the same—and that they be instructed to be as urgent, and pressing, and prompt as the circumstances will admit of, believing, as we do, that such action would greatly promote the common welfare of the whole church.

H. S. WINGARD,
H. FRANK SCHEELE,
J. E. COOPER,
R. G. CHISHOLM,
L. E. BUSBY,
COMMITTEE.

*See W. J. Duffie's Report, at the end of Minutes.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Part (a) adopted. Part (b) adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that our Committee on Common Service report to this body at its next session the result of its renewed conference with the Joint Committee of the several bodies on this particular subject.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the special order for four o'clock this afternoon will be the Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Committee on Missions presented the following report, which was received to be considered seriatim:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Report of Board of Missions and Church Extension, report as follows: The document placed in our hands is a carefully prepared review of the Board's work for two years and seven months. Especially are we impressed with the progress of the home work, and trust the fields inviting occupation may soon be taken up. An inspection of this report convinces us that the Board has administered the limited funds in its hands in a most judicious manner and at a minimum expense.

It is a matter of extreme regret to your committee that the Board has been hampered in its work by a lack of funds; and that the several district Synods have fallen so far short of the demands of the work, and the expectations of this body, to the manifest detriment of the work of the church. In order to overcome this, we urge upon the pastors the imperative necessity of keeping before their people the principles of Christian giving; believing that giving is matter of principle and not of impulse.

We note with great pleasure the fact that the Richmond congregation has become self-sustaining; and we believe this is the goal for which all our missions should earnestly strive.

Our foreign work in all its aspects is presented. Details are given of all the transactions of the Board with our missionaries, together with a consideration of the problems, difficulties, needs and prospects of the work.

We cheerfully embrace this opportunity to bear testimony to the wise, careful, and patient administration by the Board of the trust committed to it by this Synod; and also to record our obligations of gratitude and thanks for the same.

1. We recommend the following for election on the Board of Missions: Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, J. A. Alexander, Esq., and that the present General Secretary be elected for the ensuing term.

2. That the report of the Board, with its recommendations, be adopted as a whole.

A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. H. WILSON,
C. L. T. FISHER,
A. R. BECK,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN,
E. L. GREEVER.

Recommendation 1. Adopted.

Recommendation 2. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Minutes of the Last Convention read the following report, which was received for consideration by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by your honorable body to call your attention to such matters in the Minutes of the last Synod as need consideration, respectfully submit the following report:

1. On page 44 we find a resolution instructing the Committee on Common Service to co-operate with similar committees from the other general bodies in securing a Common Book of Service. Has this work been done?

2. On page 49 we find a resolution requesting the district Synods to incorporate in separate columns of their parochial tables the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this Synod, for the home and foreign work of the Board of Missions. Has this request been complied with?

3. On pages 50 and 51 we find the following items: (a) That Maj. W. G. Repass and Hon. H. S. Trout be requested to advise with Mr. C. H. Duls, as executor of the Barrier estate, as to the sale of certain lots at Salem and Ivanhoe Furnace, and to bid them in, if necessary, and take proper conveyances therefor. (b) That Hon. H. S. Trout, as Treasurer of the Seminary Fund of this Synod, be authorized to receive from Mr. C. H. Duls, as executor of the Barrier estate, any funds in his hands coming to or due this Synod, and to execute proper receipts and acquittances therefor. (c) That Hon. H. S. Trout be directed to invest the funds coming into his hands as Treasurer of the

Seminary Fund from the Barrier estate. Have these matters been attended to?

4. On page 55 we find a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee, with Dr. Horn as chairman, to revise Loehe's Catechism. Has this work been accomplished?

5. On page 59 we find a resolution authorizing the President of this body to appoint a committee on co-operation with the other general bodies of this country if a conference of that nature should be called in the interim between that meeting and this. Has such conference been called? Has such committee been appointed? What action did it take?

6. On page 66 we find a committee was appointed to take into consideration the whole matter of church papers, and to endeavor to secure the publication of a paper which would be the official organ of this body, and in some real sense amenable to its authority. Has this committee acted?

7. On page 70 we find a resolution requesting the secretaries of the district Synods to send one or more copies of the Minutes of their respective Synods to the Secretary of this Synod. Have these officers complied with this request?

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KINARD,
C. M. EFIRD,
J. M. GNANN.

Synod adjourned pending consideration of this report. (See page 62.)

Prayer by Rev. J. P. Miller.

Divine services were held at 8.30 p. m. and addresses were delivered on the subject of Foreign Missions by Revs. L. L. Smith and W. L. Seabrook.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod was called to order.

Prayer by Rev. Charles Edward Keller.

The Committee on Theological Seminary offered the following report, which was received for consideration by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Item 1. Report of the Board of Directors of the Seminary, placed in the hands of your committee, presents a clear and satisfactory record of what the Board has done since the last convention of this body. We recommend that this report be printed in full in the Minutes of this convention.

Item 2. Report of Dr. A. G. Voigt, theological professor, presented to the Board of Directors, has been referred also to your committee. We recommend that this report be read in open Synod, and printed in the Minutes.

Item 3. The paper presented by the delegation of the South Carolina Synod, indicating what that Synod has done, and may be relied upon to do in behalf of the Seminary in the future, and placed in our hands, concludes as follows: "In view of the increased needs of Newberry College, and the desirability of completely severing the Seminary from the College, whether it be located at Newberry or elsewhere, temporarily or permanently, the delegation of the South Carolina Synod believe they express the sentiments of that body when they declare that the temporary arrangement inaugurated at Knoxville will no longer be considered feasible or practicable; but that the South Carolina Synod will pay $600 on the salary of the first professor in the Seminary of the United Synod, irrespective of location; and that it will, in addition, bear an equitable proportion of the further amount deemed necessary by the United Synod to manage the institution successfully. As members of the South Carolina Synod we promise to do all we can to induce the South Carolina Synod to agree to the offer herein suggested." Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the United Synod marks with admiration the continued devotion of the Synod of South Carolina to the Theological Seminary which she has so generously supported through all its history as the Seminary of this United Synod, whereby alone it has survived the trials through which it has been called to pass; and that we note her present offer for its future continuance with grateful appreciation.

Item 4. We are in receipt of the following memorial from the North Carolina Synod, bearing the seal of the Synod:

MEMORIAL TO THE UNITED SYNOD—GREETING:

At the recent meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, which convened at Burlington, N. C., April 28-30, 1898, the following action was taken:

"*Resolved*, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina hereby expresses itself as anxious for our Theological Seminary

to be kept open; and authorizes its delegation to the United Synod to urge this, if in any way practicable."

In discharge of this duty, we, the officers of the North Carolina Synod, herewith submit its action.

Respectfully, C. A. ROSE, Pres.
Salisbury, N. C., May 2, '98. L. E. BUSBY, Sec.

In response to these overtures from the South Carolina and North Carolina Synods, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the firm conviction of this United Synod, that our Theological Seminary should be continued, and that the Board of Directors be authorized and instructed to proceed at once to procure the services of two professors and provide for the formal opening of the Seminary on the first Wednesday in October, 1898.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board be authorized to increase the apportionments to the different Synods so as to secure at least $1800 in addition to the $600 offered by the South Carolina Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the several Synods be requested so to secure the amounts apportioned to them respectively, that the Treasurer of the Board of Directors can safely make quarterly advance calls upon the treasurers of the several Synods.

Item 5. With respect to the location of the Seminary, your committee would submit for the consideration of this body the following petition from the Lutherans of the city of Charlotte, N. C. The paper reads as follows:

Charlotte, N. C., May 10, 1898.

To the Committee on Location of Theological Seminary of United Synod of Evang. Lutheran Church in the South:

The undersigned, on behalf of themselves and the Lutherans of the city, respectfully and earnestly petition that the Theological Seminary be permanently located in the city of Charlotte or suburbs, and offer, if it is located here—

1. To donate a suitable site of not exceeding ten acres in or near the property of the Highland Park Company—the property being admirably located, well shaded and drained, in close touch with the city, and in every way suited, as we believe, for the contemplated purpose. The proper authorities of the Synod or the institution to agree on their part to erect a Seminary building or buildings on said land within a reasonable time.

2. To subscribe a sum sufficient to pay the rent for one year for a suitable building in the city of Charlotte for the use of the Seminary, so that the institution can be located here at once, and be in operation in Charlotte pending the erection of its permanent buildings.

3. To carry out our part of this agreement at once.

Any details in regard to the matter may be settled between any committee appointed on behalf of the Seminary and ourselves.

M. L. YEAGER,
F. A. McKNIGHT,
GEO. L. KRUEGER,
S. E. LINTON,
C. VOLLERS,
H. A. KLUEPPELBERG,
A. R. WILLMANN.

Resolved, That the offer of Charlotte for the location of the Theological Seminary, together with any others which may be made within two months after bids are called for through our church papers, be referred to Seminary Board with power to act, and that pending the making of permanent arrangements, the Board have authority to make such provisional arrangements as may be deemed necessary.

Item 6. We note in Report of the Board of Directors the resignation of Dr. A. G. Voigt as professor in the Seminary, to take effect June 1, 1898. In this connection we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is with regret that we are called upon to dispense with the valuable services of Dr. Voigt, and that we record our declaration of grateful appreciation of his arduous and faithful labors, our affectionate esteem of him personally, gratification that his influence for good abides with us, and that we are still to enjoy his further services in councils of our Southern church.

Item 7. We are further informed in Report of the Board of Directors that Dr. W. S. Bowman has donated to the Seminary a large portion of his library; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this body, in the interest of the Seminary, accept with grateful consideration this generous gift of our beloved brother in Christ, and commends the kindly sentiments prompting the same to the attention of other friends of the Seminary who cherish a friendly regard for its welfare.

Item 8. We note further, according to Report of Board of Directors, that with almost entire unanimity the district Synods have adopted their share of the apportionment of a second professor's salary. This is a gratifying exhibit, and gives promise of successful prosecution of the work of the Seminary in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. HOLLAND,
W. L. SEABROOK,
C. A. MARKS,
H. S. WINGARD,
L. E. BUSBY,
J. H. KOON.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Dr. Voigt's report was read, as follows:

REPORT OF REV. A. G. VOIGT, D. D.

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

Your professor begs leave to submit the following brief report of the work done in the Seminary during the past year:

There were only two classes during the year. In the Senior class were five students and in the Middle class three students. There were no accessions at the beginning of the session in October, 1897; and, hence, no Junior class.

The annual examination was conducted May 6–11 of this year. This was earlier than the usual time, but it was done in order to have the papers ready for the inspection of the Board at the time of the meeting of the United Synod.

I take pleasure in recommending the following gentlemen who have completed the course of study for graduation: J. J. Long, H. J. Mathias, W. H. Riser, Y. V. A. Riser, and P. D. Risinger. I also recommend that certificates be awarded to the following gentlemen who have partially completed the course of study: W. H. Hiller, G. A. Riser; and also to W. W. J. Ritchie in case he can no longer attend the Seminary of the United Synod.

I also take the liberty of recommending to the Board of Directors that the session of 1897–8 be closed with the graduating address to be delivered on Sunday, May 15th. This is two weeks earlier than the time required by the letter of the constitution; but the peculiar circumstances, especially the impracticability of having a meeting of the Board in June to decide upon the graduation of those who have completed the course of study, will justify the change.

Respectfully submitted, A. G. VOIGT.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Pending consideration of resolution 1, Synod adjourned. (See pages 47, 50). Prayer by Rev. L. E. Busby.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, 9.30 o'clock A. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. L. A. Fox.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions offered the following report, which was received to be considered by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your committee have in hand the following papers:

No. 1 is a letter from Bishop P. F. Stevens of the Reformed Episcopal church, asking that an inclosed petition be laid before this body, signed and forwarded. Said petition is to be sent to the Postmaster-General with the request to stop the transportation of the mails by not compelling the trains to run on Sunday. We recognize with painful regret the general desecration of the Lord's day and the want of reverence for it, and would urge a more faithful use of the divinely ordained means to have a stricter observance of it. While it is not certain that the best mode to attain this end is by a petition sent directly to the Postmaster-General, still we are willing to make a trial of it, and so authorize our President to sign the petition in the name of this body.

No. 2 is a letter from the Mississippi Synod, asking us to appoint a missionary for their territory and pay his salary, they to pay as much of the salary as they are able to raise. We express our sympathy with our brethren in Mississippi, and we recommend that their petition be referred to the consideration of the Board of Missions.

No. 3 are resolutions adopted by the California Synod at its last convention, July, 1897, stating that they learn with satisfaction of the signs of affiliation and union between the different bodies of our church, and they earnestly pray that these overtures may be continued until union is effected. We recommend that the Secretary inform this Synod that we have a committee to co-operate with the General Council and General Synod in the preparation of one Book of Worship for all our people.

No. 4 is a letter from Jos. L. Ewin, secretary of the American Anti-Saloon League, to this body, asking our consideration of its work and aims, and, if approved, we send delegates to their next convention. The constitution also accompanies the letter. While we are willing to aid in every legitimate way to suppress the saloon, since we are conscious of its being a great evil, still we hold that the proper way to check the bad effects of the saloon, as well as all evils, is to educate public sentiment to discourage and oppose all wrong tendencies. The only remedy to regenerate a corrupt social status is to use the means appointed by the Savior from all sins. Though we respectfully decline to send delegates, still we are in sympathy with and rejoice to learn of every right movement to suppress the saloon.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. RAHN,
WM. P. HOUSEAL,
C. A. FREED,
G. B. MOREHEAD,
H. N. MILLER.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted as amended.

Items 3 and 4. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The attention of Synod having been called to the presence of Rev. Samuel Laird, D. D., representative of the General Council, a motion prevailed that the privilege of the floor be accorded to him immediately upon the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary.

On motion, the Treasurer's Report was received and without reading was committed for examination and report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., MAY 11TH, 1898.

C. H. DULS, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

1895.	Dr.		
Sept. 16.	To bal. in hands Treas. per last report	$ 6 90	
Sept. 28.	Rec. W. J. Duffie, Publisher.	159 05	
Dec. 3.	Rec. L. S. Walker, Tr. Va. Synod, appt.	16 16	
Dec. 4.	Rec. H. S. Trout, Tr. S. W. Va. Synod, appt.	11 20	
Dec. 7.	Rec. Tr. S. C. Synod, per M. G. G. S., appt.	20 70	
Dec. 9.	Rec. F. M. Harr, Tr. Holston Synod, appt.	5 14	
1896.			
Jan. 16.	Rec. I. F. Patterson, Tr. N. C. Synod, appt.	18 11	
Apr. 16–21.	Rec. other Synods, $1.83 and $4.50, appt.	6 33	
			$243 59
1895.	Cr.		
Nov. 26.	Paid Rev. H. F. Scheele, express charges on Secretary's books, &c.	$ 1 00	
1896.			
Jan. 15.	Paid L. E. Busby, on printing Minutes 5th Convention	40 00	
Feb. 10.	Paid L. E. Busby, balance on printing Minutes, &c., 5th Convention	127 80	
Apr. 13.	Paid M. G. G. Scherer, Secretary, (see p. 69, last Minutes.)	28 00	
			$196 80
	To balance in Treasurer's hands . . .		$ 46 79

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DULS, TREASURER.

Synod resumed consideration of resolution 1, item 4, of the Report of Committee on Theological Seminary. (See page 42.)

The delegation of the Tennessee Synod presented the following paper. The paper was received and the request granted:

REQUEST OF TENNESSEE SYNOD DELEGATION.

We, the undersigned delegation of the Tennessee Synod, in view of the action taken by our Synod at its annual convention in Virginia in 1896, feel that it is our duty to this body and to our own Synod, to ask this body to excuse us from voting on the question of continuance of the Theological Seminary. We indulge in the hope and prayer that the developments in the future will be such that our Synod can see its way clear to heartily co-operate in its support.

J. A. CROMER,
A. R. BECK,
J. L. CROMER,
C. M. EFIRD,
J. H. KOON.

Resolutions 1, 2, and 3, item 4, of the Report of Committee on Theological Seminary, were adopted.

Upon reconsideration, further action upon this report was suspended, and Rev. Dr. Laird was invited to take the floor. Dr. Laird presented his credentials as Official Visitor from the General Council; and, in a very encouraging and fraternal address, conveyed the greetings of that body to this, calling special attention to the action of the General Council upon the proposition of this Synod relative to a Common Book of Service. The President made a brief and appropriate response.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by D. L. Boozer, M. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. A. Freed.

The Committee on Co-operation (see Minutes Staunton convention, page 59) presented the following report, which was received to be considered seriatim:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION.

The committee, appointed by the President of United Synod to confer with similar committees of other general bodies, held such conference in Washington, April 22, 1896.

The following action was taken by the Joint Committee:

1. That we recommend to the bodies which we represent for their adoption the following rule:

"That where any general body has congregations, whatever be the language, the establishment of a congregation of another general body within the territory be not undertaken, unless the Board of Missions of the body occupying the territory and the officers of the synod on the field be first consulted."

2. That a committee of arbitration, representing the bodies that enter into the compact, be constituted, to whom shall be referred all cases where agreement has not been otherwise obtained.

The following action was also taken:

1. "It is the sense of this committee that the committee of arbitration should consist of not more than three members from each of the general bodies; and that in this committee of arbitration each general body should have but one vote; and that its decision on any subject referred to it should be published as soon as adopted.

2. "This committee hereby requests the general bodies to appoint their representatives on the committee of arbitration at their next conventions."

3. That this committee regards the adoption of Common Orders of Ministerial Acts and a Common Hymn Book, in addition to the Common Service, as very desirable.

The action of the Joint Committee has been approved by both the General Council and the General Synod.

Regarding the matter of a Common Book of Worship, the General Council has taken the following action:

"*Resolved*, That the Church Book Committee be appointed, to confer and co-operate with committees from other Lutheran bodies in the preparation of a Common Book of Worship, including besides the Common Order of Service, Orders for Ministerial Acts, and a Book of Hymns in the English Language."

The General Synod endorsed also the action of the Joint Committee, and with respect to the Common Book of Worship gave forth the following declaration:

"Looking to the compilation of a Common Hymn Book: *Resolved*, That this Synod will do what it can to further the object consistent with the fact of the issuance of a new hymn book of its own.

Resolved, That the General Synod will look with favor upon any

movement toward the preparation of Common Orders for Ministerial Acts by and for the bodies of this compact."

In view of the favorable action taken by the General Synod and General Council in their endorsement of the action of the Committee of Co-operation, and their evident desire for continued co-operation; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this body endorses the action of the Joint Committee of Co-operation, and reaffirms its earnest plea for the adoption, at as early a date as possible, of one Common Book of Worship, including Ministerial Acts and Hymnal.

Resolved, 2. That the Common Service Committee be appointed as the Committee on Co-operation, and also as the Committee of Arbitration, and that said committee be authorized to confer with similar committees of the other general bodies in the furtherance of the objects contemplated in the appointment of said committees.

Resolved, 3. That we approve the recommendation of the Joint Committee for the holding of a general conference or diet, and that Rev. H. F. Scheele be appointed to represent this body to co-operate with Dr. H. E. Jacobs and Dr. S. W. Owen in arranging for such diet.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

R. C. HOLLAND, CHAIRMAN.

The report was adopted by items and as a whole.

On motion, Rev. J. B. Fox was seated as alternate for Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to offer the following report:

We note with much pleasure that all the various Synods report progress along almost all lines of church work and Christian activity. Therefore we find much ground for encouragement. There is an increasing attention to the very important matter of the catechization of the young; an increasing liberality on the part of our people; and a more general use of Lutheran church literature. The working forces of the congregations are being more carefully utilized by the organization of missionary and other societies; Sunday-school work is done with increasing zeal; and above all there seems to be an increasing faithfulness in the attendance upon the means of grace. We cannot too greatly emphasize the importance of faithfulness and perseverance along all these lines. There are, as there always have been, many

discouragements, and much room for improvement, but success will crown the faithful.

There is generally reported much neglect with regard to family worship. We believe the most speedy remedy for this neglect would be for our pastors to teach our people how to use the most precious, beautiful, and instructive morning and evening suffrages as given in our Common Service and in Luther's Small Catechism. The devotional culture that a faithful use of these will bring to any family, and the influence exerted thereby in the formation of Christian life and character, can not be overestimated.

H. FRANK SCHEELE,
W. A. LUTZ,
S. T. HALLMAN,
J. L. CROMER,
J. E. COOPER.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That along with our endorsement, at the last meeting of Synod, of the Augsburg Series of Lesson Helps, we do now also endorse as Lutheran, churchly, and helpful the series of helps published by the General Council for those who adopt their series of lessons.

On motion, Rev. A. J. Bowers was recognized and seated as alternate for Rev. J. A. Sligh.

On motion, the President was instructed to appoint a committee to nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary. The following were appointed—Revs. L. E. Busby, H. F. Scheele, and Capt. J. W. Jenny.

The Report of Committee on Theological Seminary was again taken up for consideration. (See pages 42 and 43.)

Items 5, 6, 7 and 8, adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, M. M. Kinard, and W. A. Lutz be appointed a committee to take into consideration the tender to this Synod of Elizabeth College property and report at this meeting of Synod.

On motion, Hon. C. M. Efird was added to the above committee.

The Committee on Literature offered the following report which was received for consideration by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Literature in its widest sense is an embodiment of human thought and feeling. Its character is determined by the people from whom it originates, by the time at which it appears, and the circumstances under which it is produced.

Church literature may be defined as that which originates in the church and has an ecclesiastical purpose. Its character will be determined by the branch of the church, the time, and the circumstances, in and under which it is produced.

Every general body of the church, which is doing a peculiar work and has an individual life, naturally produces a literature of its own. This fact is seen in the literature produced by the various bodies of the Christian church, and in the numerous publication houses maintained by them.

Hitherto the United Synod has not fully provided for a literature of its own. It is true that *The Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper* have in some sense been the organs of our ministers and people. *The Southern Lutheran* aims to help our Sunday-schools. The "Book of Worship" has been published by an arrangement of a committee of the Synod. But there has been no adequate provision for a Sunday-school literature of our own; and all other literature has been printed beyond our bounds or on individual responsibility.

It is a tribute to the energy and ability of our ministers that under the existing unfavorable conditions no inconsiderable body of literature has been produced, and recognized in previous reports on church literature. Two works, which have recently appeared, here deserve special mention, namely, "The Gist of Japan" by our missionary, Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., and "The Common Service," by Rev. H. F. Scheele, of Staunton, Va.

With a view to meeting the existing want in our Southern church with relation to literature, your committee recommend the organization of a publication society. The benefits to result from such organization are two fold: 1. It will give freer and fuller expression to our distinctive church life, and provide a more abundant literature for our people; and 2. It can be made a source of income at once to this Synod.

It is recommended, therefore, that a committee of nine be appointed to be known as a Board of Publication, who shall draw up a constitution and by-laws, appoint an editorial committee, and put the scheme into operation at once.

F. V. N. PAINTER,
GEO. B. CROMER,
Z. W. BEDENBAUGH.

On motion, it was resolved to hold a session of Synod at 8 o'clock this evening.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise made their report, which was adopted.

The committee to nominate Board of Directors for Theological Seminary submitted the following report which was received :

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, your committee to nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, name the following: Revs. R. C. Holland, H. S. Wingard, A. R. Beck, L. G. M. Miller, J. H. Wilson, W. L. Seabrook, Messrs. E. L. Greever, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, H. S. Trout, J. D. Cappelmann, J. D. Heilig.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. BUSBY,
H. F. SCHEELE,
J. W. JENNY.

On motion, the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for the persons named in the above report.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Q. Wertz.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. L. T. Fisher.

The Committee on Orphan Home presented the following report which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOME.

The Committee on the Orphan Home submit the following :

At our last convention, the Home was placed in organic connection with this Synod.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers and trustees to fill vacancies that then existed or might occur, and the Home was required to submit a report to each annual meeting of this body. Since that time the Home has been removed from its first location to very desirable property in Salem, Va. To the buildings purchased various additions have been made, and much has been done to make the Home comfortable.

The Board has arranged so that Rev. B. W. Cronk and his wife have immediate charge of the Home.

Twenty-six children have been cared for during the last year. The contributions and donations reported show increased and increasing interest in the work.

We recommend the Home to the continued support and prayers of the people and that our district Synods be urged to meet their obligations to it by special collections or as they may think best.

J. J. SCHERER,
R. G. CHISHOLM,
CHAS. B. MILLER.

The following Report of the Officers of the Orphan Home was read:

REPORT OF OFFICERS OF ORPHAN HOME.

As required by the action of the United Synod at its meeting in Staunton in 1895, the Orphan Home submits a full report of its work.

First of all, the blessing of God on our orphan work should be gratefully recognized. Though there have often been difficulties, the Home has been able to overcome them, and the work was never in so good condition as at present.

At the first annual meeting of the Trustees of the Home after the meeting of the United Synod in Staunton, the officers, nominated by the Synod's committee, were elected. The officers are at present as follows: Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., president; Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., vice-president; Prof. F. V. N. Painter, secretary; Paul S. Davis, treasurer.

Also on the nomination of the Synod's committee, the following trustees have been elected: Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., of the South Carolina Synod; Rev. H. F. Scheele, of the Virginia Synod; Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, of the Holston Synod; Rev. C. B. King, of the North Carolina Synod; and Ambrose L. Henkel, of the Tennessee Synod.

In conforming to the requirements of the Synod, the Trustees formally recognized "with deep appreciation the fact that this institution is the creature of, and under the control, direction, sympathy, and maintenance of the United Synod."

In May, 1896, the Home was removed to Salem, where a substantial brick house and seven acres of land had been purchased at a cost of $1500. As the building was too small for the proper accommodation of the Home, a brick addition of five rooms was added at a cost of about $1000. This amount was raised in full by special contributions.

The amount due on the property is about $1200. Of this sum $700

will be due in September, and the remainder in February, 1899. At the proper time, the Home will make an appeal to the church for this amount. A second building is needed at this time, but the Trustees have been unwilling to undertake further improvements till the property is paid for.

It is encouraging to note that since the last meeting of the United Synod, the Home has received a gift of $500 from Mrs. Priscilla Arrington, of Roanoke, Va., (only a part of which will be realized through the failure of a bank), and a bequest, amounting probably to several hundred dollars, from Miss Mary Emily Swartz, of Shenandoah county, Virginia.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees in October last, the resignations of the Secretary, who had been acting Superintendent, and the Matrons, Mrs. Amanda Davison and Miss Bettie Davison, were accepted. It was felt that the work had reached a point of development where the services of a resident superintendent were necessary. A call was accordingly extended to the Rev. B. W. Cronk, of Newport, Va., to become superintendent, and to Mrs. Cronk to become matron. They entered upon their duties at the Home in November, and have since been carrying forward the work in a judicious and successful manner.

The Executive Committee, composed of Rev. L. G. M. Miller, T. J. Shickel, C. Markley, H. S. Trout, A. M. Bowman, and Rev. F. V. Painter, meet each month to audit bills, consider applications for admission to the Home, and to consider all matters pertaining to the general management of the institution. In this way the interests of the Home are carefully watched over.

There are at present twenty-seven children in the Home, with other applications awaiting consideration. They are surrounded by the influences of a Christian home. While they are trained to habits of neatness and industry, they receive a good elementary education and religious training. In the past two years, fourteen of the children have been received into the church, ten being received last Easter.

It is the policy of the Home, after giving the children a primary education and satisfactory religious training, to place them in positions to learn a trade or to earn a livelihood. In this matter the desires and capabilities of the children are duly considered.

The economical administration of the Home deserves special mention. As shown by the last annual report, the cost for each child, exclusive of gifts in kind, was less than $50—a record unsurpassed, perhaps, in the orphan work of this country.

There has been a steady growth of interest in the orphan work. All parts of the United Synod, as will be seen from the following statements prepared by Supt. Cronk, contribute to its support.

FOR CURRENT EXPENSES, FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1896, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1897.

Virginia Synod	$421 72
S. W. Va. Synod	231 16
N. C. Synod	163 72
Tennessee Synod	148 34
Holston Synod	61 71
S. C. Synod	39 41
Georgia Synod	7 50

FOR IMPROVEMENT FUND, FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1896, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1897.

S. W. Va. Synod	$177 40
Virginia Synod	94 38
S. C. Synod	20 00
Tennessee Synod	18 65
Georgia Synod	15 10
Holston Synod	11 30
N. C. Synod	1 00

ESTIMATED VALUE OF GIFTS IN KIND FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1897, TO MAY 1, 1898.

S. W. Va. Synod	$345 60
S. C. Synod	146 36
Virginia Synod	116 00
N. C. Synod	13 00
Tennessee Synod	7 45
Holston Synod	6 50

In the Lutheran church in America there is, on an average, an orphanage for every 35,000 members. In maintaining its Orphan Home at Salem, the United Synod has shown the same evangelical and benevolent character exhibited by the other general bodies of our church in this country.

The orphan work is by no means an easy one. It is a constant tax upon the heart and brain of those immediately in charge. The Home, therefore, asks not only for material support, but also for the earnest prayers of the church in its behalf.

L. G. M. MILLER, PRESIDENT.

F. V. N. PAINTER, SECRETARY.

Synod proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Literature. See page 51.

The report with recommendation was adopted.

The following Board of Publication was elected: Rev. F. V. N. Painter, Mr. A. H. Kohn, Mr. A. G. Wise, Rev. H.

S. Wingard, Rev. S. T. Hallman, Hon. C. M. Efird, Rev. Vastine R. Stickley, Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. J. J. Scherer.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be continued in force until the next meeting of this body, or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

The following resolution, introduced by Rev. J. J. Scherer, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to make renewed efforts without delay to secure an additional missionary for Japan.

The following resolutions were adopted in order as arranged :

Resolved, That having visited Newberry College on invitation of President Geo. B. Cromer we express our gratification at the prosperity of this institution under his successful management.

Resolved, That the President be instructed to return our sincere thanks to the pastor and people of this congregation, and to the citizens of Newberry, for our very cordial reception and hospitable entertainment during this convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to return the thanks of this body to the Southeastern Passenger Association for reduced rates to this convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 2500 copies of the Minutes printed, upon the best terms available, and to distribute them equitably among the Synods ; and that an appropriation of $25 be made to compensate him for his services.

Resolved, That if the balance in the Treasury be not sufficient to pay for the printing and distribution of the Minutes the Secretary is hereby authorized to assess the district Synods to meet the deficit.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report presented the following which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO AUDIT TREASURER'S REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT : Your committee to audit Treasurer's Report have examined vouchers, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. COPENHAVER,
J. B. DERRICK.

Revs. W. A. Lutz, L. L. Smith, and M. M. Kinard were

appointed a Committee to Nominate Delegates to other General Bodies.

NEXT CONVENTION.

Synod proceeded to ballot for the place of the next meeting; the vote resulted in the choice of Winston, N. C. Time, Wednesday before the third Sunday in May, 1900.

On motion, the Report of the Treasurer of Theological Seminary was ordered to be printed. Following is the report:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

H. S. TROUT, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

EVANG. LUTH. CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

1895.		DR.	
Sept.	1.	To balance due by Treasurer	$ 846 29
1896.			
Feb.	14.	To C. H. Duls, executor W. A. Barrier, decd. . .	1500 00
1897.			
Jan.	28.	To three notes Hugh W. Harris and int. (Bar. est.)	486 90
Feb.	5.	To one note S. W. Davis (Bar. est.)	375 00
Feb.	5.	To interest due on same	26 25
Aug.	7.	To 1½ yrs. int. to Aug. 7, '96, on $2,000 loan to Virginia Synod	180 00
1898.			
May	10.	To amt. interest collected on loans to date . . .	297 20
			$3711 64
May	10.	By amt. paid out	612 30
May	10.	To balance due by Treasurer	$3099 34
1896.		CR.	
Feb.	12.	Recording deed for lots, Salem, Va.	$ 2 90
April	13.	Paid expenses of Board, Columbia, S. C.	33 42
Sept.	17.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt	182 55
Dec.	7.	Paid expenses of Board, Columbia, S. C.	95 60
Dec.	7.	Paid expenses Rev. Dr. Horne and party	11 25
Dec.	7.	Paid expenses Rev. Dr. Horne, Newberry, S. C.	12 60
1897.			
Mar.	1.	Paid Rev. E. T. Horne	12 50
Mar.	3.	Paid Geo. B. Cromer, Treasurer	10 00
June	16.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt	150 00

July	26.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt	50 00
Sept.	10.	Paid Geo. B. Cromer	10 00
Sept.	28.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt	41 48
			$612 30

STATEMENT OF ASSETS.

Cash	$3099 34
Notes of Virginia Synod	2000 00
Two notes S. W. Harris, $375.00 each (Barrier estate)	750 00
	$5849 34

In addition to the above I have some notes which were turned over to me by the former treasurer, Mr. Wm. McCauley, but these notes I regard as worthless; on some I have brought suit with no results.

For the last two years I have found it difficult to keep the funds safely invested, and a part of the time receiving only such interest as the banks would pay. On one loan which I made the parties failed, and is a total loss, but I will make this good to the Seminary. This is included in the cash statement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. TROUT, TREASURER.

VISITORS TO OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to other General Bodies reported, and the following were elected: To General Synod—Rev. L. A. Fox, principal; Rev. J. H. Wilson, alternate; to General Council—Rev. A. G. Voigt, principal; Rev. S. S. Rahn, alternate.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 9.30 A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Greever.

The Committee on Literary Institutions reported the following which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Cheering reports come to us from all our institutions of learning. As the welfare, growth, and influence of our church are so vitally connected with the successful operation of our literary institutions, it

gives your committee more than ordinary pleasure to report their progress and success as exhibited by catalogues placed in their hands. The positive Christian character of our schools is particularly gratifying. They are Lutheran institutions, and the large attendance of students is a most hopeful sign. It indicates a healthful appreciation not only of the value of an education, but of a Christian education. Our State institutions, with elaborate and expensive equipment, but without thought or care for the Christian culture of our young people, are offering tempting inducements to secure the patronage of our people. That our people are not willing to pitch their tent toward Sodom is occasion for profound gratitude. We must send our boys and girls to our own Lutheran institutions where they will be trained in the true faith of our fathers.

1. Roanoke College, located in the famous Roanoke Valley of Virginia, has an enrollment of 190 students. This college, founded by Dr. Bittle, in that strong, deep faith that never faltered before difficulties, has come to its present eminent success by the courageous and consecrated labors of a devoted faculty who took up the work where he laid it down. The college aims continually to increase its proficiency to train students for the highest and best success in life. Several of the younger members of the faculty are now in Europe preparing to more efficiently teach on special lines.

Every year more attention is bestowed upon the Christian culture of the students.

Among the students of the past session were a number of young Koreans, one of whom graduates this year. This is said to be the first Korean ever graduated from an American college.

Roanoke College has done a great and good work for our church, and well deserves the success attained and the faithful support of the church in the future.

2. Newberry College, located in the healthful and cultured town of Newberry, occupies a prominent place among the literary institutions of our country. The buildings, appointments, and equipments are such as to offer ample opportunity for a thorough and high grade classical and literary training. The manly and unselfish spirit of Dr. Holland in laying broad and secure foundations for the wider usefulness of the college has been emphasized by his worthy and distinguished successor. Through the labors of the President and his efficient faculty, the college has attained unprecedented success, the highest enrollment in its history, 161. This is most remarkable success, considering the limited territory from which it draws its patronage, and is, at the same time, the very highest endorsement of the present management. The college is doing a great work for the church, and the church is showing its appreciation. The experiment of co-educa-

tion has been quite satisfactory. Quite a number of young ladies have availed themselves of the opportunity to secure higher education, and are in the class-room contesting for literary honors.

The college is to be congratulated upon having secured its claim of $15,000 against the government. This will not only enable the authorities largely to increase the efficiency of the college, but will encourage its friends to renewed efforts in its support.

3. North Carolina College has always been an important and potent factor in the development and growth of the church. It is the institution of the North Carolina Synod, and enjoys the confidence and receives the hearty support of the Synod.

A gratifying fact in the history of the college is that a very large per cent. of its graduates enter the ministry, so, year by year, becoming more closely identified with the church. Under the control and direction of its young, able, and energetic President, aided by a capable faculty, and with many improvements upon its property, the college enters upon a career of success never before attained.

The full confidence of the Synod in its present management was confirmed by its action at its last meeting in determining upon giving the college definite and decided financial support, as well as to increase the effort to secure patronage. Seventy-five students were enrolled last year, and the prospect for much larger attendance the coming session are most hopeful.

4. Marion Female College has been successfully fulfilling its mission and rendering the church invaluable service for a quarter of a century. The college was instituted by the Southwest Virginia Synod, and must be maintained under the auspices of the Lutheran church. During the past year many improvements have been made upon the property. The chapel and society hall have been frescoed and hot and cold water have been introduced through the college. The course of study has been revised, advancing the departments of mathematics and English literature. A regular course in church history and Bible study has been added to the curriculum, and Luther's Catechism is taught. A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society makes a specialty of training its members for missionary work.

The college is now preparing to celebrate its *Quarto-Centennial.* During the twenty-five years of its existence it has secured a property worth $20,000 and enrolled about one thousand students, of whom more than one hundred have graduated.

The Alumnae are preparing a handsome souvenir edition of the *Collegian.* By the good work already done, and the better work its increased and improved facilities offer, this college may justly claim enlarged support and patronage.

5. Mont Amoena Female Seminary is located in the delightful town of Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

The catalogue and report of the Board of Trustees show that this institution is highly prosperous. The total enrollment for the past session was 98, every room in the building being occupied and the States of North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Florida being represented in the patronage. The catalogue shows regular graduating courses, post-graduate courses leading to degrees, a normal department, a commercial department, and departments embracing the usual ornamental branches taught in institutions for women. Thirteen teachers have been employed for the coming session. The building has also been enlarged and improved, and the modern equipments, such as hot and cold water and baths, will be introduced during vacation. The very moderate expenses, the thorough and substantial work done in all the departments, together with the noble service already rendered the church, most highly commend this institution to the patronage of our people.

6. Elizabeth College for women is a new claimant for the patronage of the church.

It is located in the healthful and progressive city of Charlotte, N. C. The elegant building occupies an ideal site, in a park of twenty acres. Standing on an eminence it commands a full view of the city and surrounding country. The college, in all its arrangements, appointments, and equipments, is conceded to be one of the most complete in all our country. It is lighted by electricity and heated by steam. The property is valued at $90,000. The aim of the college as announced by its projectors is "to furnish to young women an education in the classics, mathematics, and sciences equal to that obtained in our best colleges for young men, and to add to these that special training in social culture, music, art and conversation which shall better qualify her to enjoy and to do well her life work, whatever that work may be. Elizabeth is a Christian college, for the reason that the Christian faith is an element of the highest culture." It is a thoroughly Lutheran college in its management, life, and purpose. It is a high grade institution—a university for our young women, furnishing ample opportunity for higher education to those who have graduated from our excellent preparatory schools.

With a large and competent faculty of eighteen members, many of whom were prepared for their positions, by special study in the universities of this country and Europe, the college is prepared to do the most thorough work in accordance with the best modern standards, and offers advantages unexcelled by any other institution.

That there is a field for such an institution in our church is confirmed by the large attendance during this first session. This, too,

without affecting the attendance upon other and older institutions. Ninety-four students were enrolled, of whom eighty were boarders. All have enjoyed fine health and made most satisfactory progress. The success of the college, this first year, has, in all respects, surpassed the most sanguine expectations of its friends. Elizabeth College deserves the hearty support of the church.

W. C. SCHAEFFER,
J. Q. WERTZ.

Synod resumed consideration of Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention. (See pages 39 and 40.)

Item 1. Yes.

Item 2. Generally done. Synod earnestly repeats the request that all district Synods comply.

Item 3. See reports of Treasurers Duls and Trout.

Item 4. No report.

Item 5. Action complied with. See President's Report.

Item 6. Effort made but nothing accomplished. On motion, the committee was continued. (See Minutes 1895, page 66.)

Item 7. In part.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, it was ordered that Rev. L. G. M. Miller be reimbursed in the sum of ten dollars ($10) for expenses incurred as representative of this body in the Joint Committee on Co-operation.

The committee on tender of Elizabeth College presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TENDER OF ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, Through the blessings of Providence, an institution for the higher education of young women, known as Elizabeth College, has been founded, and is now in successful operation within the bounds of the United Synod, at Charlotte, N. C., and

WHEREAS, Said Elizabeth College is a Lutheran institution, under Lutheran management, originally founded for the daughters of the Lutheran church, having a Board of Advisers composed chiefly of prominent Lutheran ministers and laymen, and controlled by a Board of Directors all of whom are Lutheran, and the institution being in its methods and life loyal to the cultus and life of the Lutheran church; and

WHEREAS, The College is a high grade institution, ranking with the best institutions in the South and in the Lutheran church in this country, aiming to fill a place hitherto unoccupied by any of our Lutheran schools and doing a work of great and lasting benefit to our Church; and

WHEREAS, The College is being managed without financial responsibility to the United Synod; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That the United Synod express its pleasure at the founding and successful inauguration of a college of such high rank and useful mission within its bounds, and for its special benefit.

Resolved, 2. That it place on record its hearty appreciation of the aim and work of said College.

Resolved, 3. That it give said College its endorsement and pledge its active interest and moral support to the promoters and directors thereof.

Resolved, 4. That the Synod recommend the College to the confidence of our people and to the patronage of those who desire the advantages of an institution with modern equipment and of high rank.

Resolved, 5. That a committee of three be appointed, consisting of Rev. R. C. Holland, Hon. A. P. Rhyne, Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, to take under advisement the tender made by the present Directors of aforesaid college, and that this committee report to Synod at its next regular convention.

W. C. SCHAEFFER,
W. A. LUTZ,
M. M. KINARD.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the sexton of this church $5 for his services during the sessions of this synodical convention.

The Committee on District Synods rendered no report.

The officers of Synod were authorized and instructed to arrange programme and appoint speakers for the next meeting of Synod, and to make due announcement of the same.

The minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business Synod adjourned, and was formally closed according to the usage of the church.

I testify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Sixth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

M. G. G. SCHERER, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF W. J. DUFFIE.

Statement and Report made to United Synod in the South of Sales of Book of Worship and Common Service by W. J. Duffie, Publisher, April 9, 1896.

Books of Worship, 24 mo. bound, on hand September 10, 1895, 412; pulpit edition, on hand 83 copies; bound, on hand September 10, 1895		495
Made since in sheets 2,000 (24 mo. Book of Worship from September 10, 1895, to April 9, 1896, 2,000 copies); bound up		1500
		1995
Pulpit edition bound from September 10, 1895, to April 9, 1896		40
		2035
Leaving on hand, pulpit sheets, April 9, 1896, 64 copies; April 9, 1896, on hand 500 sheets, 24 mo., unbound.		
April 9, 1896, on hand, bound, 24 mo	1 094	
April 9, 1896, on hand, bound, pulpit	80	
		1174
		861
Deduct edition of 500 on which Synod foregoes its royalty and 15 copies given away to feeble churches		515
Leaving sold to April 9, '96		346
Copies from Sept. 9, '95: 346 at a royalty of 8 cts. per copy is equal to		$ 27 68
The Common Service account stands same as reported Sept. 10, 1895, with the exception that we have made since, printed and bound 200 cheap Common Service, and have on hand now, April 9, '96; hence, we have sold 33 copies at 13 cts. each, $4.29, from Sept. 10, '95, to April 9, '96, at a royalty of 5 per cent		21
Which, with royalty due on Books of Worship as above, makes due to April 9, '96		$ 27 89

Hence, I was due Synod on April 9, '96, $27.89, and contracted with Synod to pay 5 cts. each royalty on all copies sold from that date, and same royalty as before on Common Service, viz., 5 per cent. on retail price of all sold.

Report of Book of Worship sales from April 9, '96, to date, May 10, '98:

On hand, April 9, '96, Book of Worship, all sizes, copies	1174
Bound up the 500 sheets on hand, April 9, '96, copies	500
Printed and bound since April 9, '96	500
Total copies	2174
Deduct, on hand now, May 10, '98	270
	1904

Hence, nineteen hundred and four copies have been sold from April 9, '96, to date, May 10, '98, at a royalty of 5 cts. each per copy, makes $95 20

COMMON SERVICE—CHEAP EDITION.

Since last report, April 9, 1896, to May 10, 1898, I report as follows:

Cheap Common Service on hand April 9, 1896, 167 copies, made since 200, deduct 11 on hand now; hence, sales have been 356 since last report, April 9, 1896, at 15 cents each, $53.40 at 5 per cent. royalty, makes . . . . . $ 2 67

Since last report, April 9, 1896, to date, May 10, 1898, we have sold 1 Common Service, pulpit size, cloth, at 54 cents, 1 copy pulpit size, arabesque gilt, $1.17, which at a royalty of 5 per cent. amounts to 08

Add amount due Synod April 9, 1896 . . . . . 27 89

Total now due Synod $125 84

I enclose draft for same.

Very truly,

W. J. DUFFIE.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. Dr. S. Laird; 8.30 p. m., Rev. Dr. L. G. M. Miller.

Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. L. Seabrook; 8.30 p. m., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. Dr. L. A. Fox; 8.30 p. m., Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

Methodist Church—11 a. m., Rev. Dr. F. V. N. Painter; 8.30 p. m., Rev. V. R. Stickley.

Associated Reformed Church—11 a. m., Rev. C. B. Miller; 8.30 p. m., Rev. J. J. Scherer.

A. M. E. Church—3.30 p. m., Rev. W. H. Greever; 8.30 p. m., Rev. J. B. Greiner.

City Mission of the Methodist Church—11 a. m., Rev. C. A. Freed.

Colony Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. L. Cromer.

Beth Eden Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. A. Cromer.

Grace (Prosperity) Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. A. Lutz.

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		Organized.	Ministers.	Churches.	Stations.	Losses.			Accessions.					Communicant Membership.	Finances.			
						Death.	Certificate.	Excommunication and all others.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Certificate.	Restoration.		Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.
1	North Carolina Synod	1803	34	60	1	99	97	158	351	29	219	115	3	7136	$200600	$ 8571 30	$ 21305 06
2	Tennessee Synod	1820	41	108	.	178	34	2	563	60	561	101	4	8462	. . .	. . .	15766 63
3	South Carolina Synod	1824	40	64	11	195	71	22	438	49	376	159	.	8408	272962	21397 61	33993 00
4	Virginia Synod	1829	31	68	22	94	57	151	159	139	143	126	5	5836	203170	7200 00	22022 70
5	Southwestern Virginia Synod	1842	31	58	21	47	78	9	131	60	89	49	5	4416	157500	22331 00	12236 62
6	Mississippi Synod	1855	8	14	.	8	3	.	12	11	5	12	.	706	. . .	. . .	. . .
7	Georgia Synod	1860	14	19	.	18	33	.	138	8	71	70	.	2156	138650	. . .	14727 23
8	Holston Synod	1861	9	21	.	23	.	13	114	28	133	6	4	1286	. . .	. . .	. . .
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Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.					BENEVOLENCE.									
	Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Women's Miss. Soc.	Orphan Home.	Pastors' Fund.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.
1	58	.	680	5314	$1716 54	$ 449 34	$ 655 31	$ 318 01	$154 91	$135 36	$ 642 97	$ 177 81	$ . . .	$ 348 38	$ 2683 22
2	77	.	375	3793	. . . .	569 82	678 13	31 82	. . .	. . .	. . . .	204 88	9 85	6247 77	7817 72
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8	17	.	92	740	. . . .	68 15	288 59	89 74	. . .	29 31	. . . .	80 08	. . . .	. . . .	555 87
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Place—Charleston, S. C.
Time—Wednesday before the third Sunday in May, 1902.

MINUTES

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN THE SOUTH.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in its seventh regular convention in Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., on Wednesday, May 16, 1900, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Synodical Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. J. B. Greiner, from the text Exodus 14:15, following which the members of Synod partook of the Holy Communion.

Addresses of welcome were made by Bishop Edward Rondthaler, of the Moravian Church, on behalf of the Ministers' Association of Winston-Salem, and by the Honorable, the Mayor, O. B. Eaton, on the part of the city. These addresses were responded to, for the Synod, by E. L. Greever, Esq.

Rt. Rev. E. Rondthaler, D. D., of the Moravian Church, Rev. H. A. Brown, D. D., of the Baptist Church, Rev. R. E. Caldwell, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. W. G. Walters, of the Christian Church, were formally introduced to the Synod.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 1900, 4.30 P. M.

The Synod was formally opened according to the usage of the Church.

Delegates-elect from the several district synods were reported present and enrolled.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

North Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Cox, Rev. Chas. B. Miller, Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. L. E. Busby, Rev. V. R. Stickley, Rev. J. A. Linn.

LAY—Messrs. C. T. Bernhardt, Jas. D. Heilig, F. B. Brown, A. D. Wessell, Jno. K Patterson, C. D. Barringer, S. H. Hearne.

South Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. H. Wilson, *Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., *Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. C. P. Boozer, Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., Rev. S. C. Ballentine, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps.

LAY—Messrs. Wm. P. Houseal, John F. Ficken, John C. Seegers, J. W. Jenny, Geo. B. Cromer, A. H. Kohn, E. H. Aull, J. D. Cappelmann, A. G. Wise.

Tennessee Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., Rev. W. P. Cline, Rev. E. H. Kohn, Rev. A. L. Boleik, Rev. C. L. Miller, Rev. W A Deaton, Rev. J. A. Cromer, Rev. J. F. Deal.

LAY—Messrs. Ambrose L. Henkel, Wm. F. Curry, Miles Huffman. C. M. Efird.

Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. W. J. Smith, Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. C. A. Marks, Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger, Rev. C. A. Freed, Rev. E. A. Shenk.

LAY—Messrs. J. E. Cooper, G. H. Snarr, J. L. Wismau, H. L. Snyder.

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*Rev. Dr. Hallman did not appear until the third session. (See Minutes third session.) Prior to his arrival, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, alternate, was seated as a member of Synod. At the fourth session Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh was excused from further attendance, and Rev. M. G. G. Scherer was recognized as alternate delegate. (See Minutes fourth session.)

Southwest Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., Rev. J. B. Greiner, Rev. L. A. Fox, D D., Rev. A. Phillippi, D. D , Rev L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

LAY—Messrs. Robt. W. Kime, E. L. Greever, H. P. Copenhaver, J. S. Etter, H. S. Trout.

Georgia Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D , Rev. J. S. Elmore, Rev. D. A. Sox.

LAY—Messrs. J. M. Gnann, Jacob Paulsen, Dr. B. T. Wise.

Holston Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. B. Greever.

LAY—Messrs. L. H. Copenhaver, Samuel Booher.

Mississippi Synod.

CLERICAL—Rev. J. L. Derrick.

The President read his report, which was held for reference to committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE SYNOD: "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

First of all, we owe an expression of hearty thanks to our Lord for the continued preservation of His church with us—for His special Providence over the part which we represent—during the many years of its history, and for the blessings bestowed upon our Southern work

After years of uncertainty, our enterprises are assuming so permanent a character that we may safely proceed to build upon the foundation laid and to enlarge our operations as surrounding opportunities appear, and, in the call of our duty, hear the call of God.

DR. H. S. WINGARD.

The joy over the prosperous conditions under which we meet to day is made less by the fact that one, who was so deeply interested in all that concerns the prosperity of our Church, is not here to rejoice with us in the success of our plans.

Rev. Dr. H. S. Wingard, the Vice-President of this Synod, prominent in all our enterprises, an earnest lover of the Church, and devoted to the advancement of all its affairs, passed from the sufferings of life to the joys of heaven on the first day of December, 1899. The Synod should appoint a time for memorial service.

CONDITION OF WORK.

Your attention is called to the following outline of the condition and needs of our work:

The United Synod is to be congratulated upon the following points of common interest:

First. Upon the kind fraternal relations existing between it and the General Synod and General Council, as shown in the mutual exchange of representatives, and, also, in co-operative work and in the effort to have a Common Service Book.

Second. Upon the success of the Lutheran Diet, held in Philadelphia, December, 1898, in which this Synod participated in the person of its accredited representative, Rev. H. F. Scheele. The consideration, by the general bodies comprising that Diet, of points of agreement, laid the foundation for future deliberation upon other points and for better co-operative work.

Third. Upon the increased unity of sentiment in the district synods towards the various enterprises of the United Synod now in hand, or the kind attention given to their claims. This is an encouragement to a full understanding and harmonions support.

Fourth. Upon the exhibit of the several synods as presented in their minntes for the past two years, showing that they are reaching out in their sphere of work, and each year giving more earnest, concentrated attention to the extension of all church interests.

Fifth. Upon a review of the operations of all the enterprises of the United Synod, for the same period, showing not only activity, but a searching for more effective means to accomplish their designs. The committees having in charge the business matters of the Synod will present their exact condition, and this official report will contain only suggestions to be considered in connection with these special reports.

OBJECTS NEEDING ATTENTION.

Among the objects claiming our prayerful consideration are the Theological Seminary, the Orphanage, Missions and Church extension, Literary Institutions, the Publication House, and associated interests.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The information we have as to the permanent location of our Theological Seminary, and the success of its operations for two years, sustained as it will be by the report of its President, warrant us in undertaking its permanent enlargement. If this is done, the efficiency of the institution will be put beyond doubt. It is recommended that at this convention the Synod arrange a plan for an endowment, for a stated Faculty and for the complete material equipment of the Seminary.

THE ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Salem, Virginia, by the kindness of friends, has been able to secure elegant and large accommodations in the way of building and increased facilities for work. This encourages us to take up most heartily its support in whatever way it may ask. It is recommended that the Synod consider whether the time has come to open a home for old people or disabled ministers, or for any other similar purpose, in connection with the Orphanage.

MISSIONS.

The work of Missions and Church extension is vital to our progress, and must receive all the serious attention we can give to its claims. It is a matter of great thankfulness that the Mission Board has increased its Foreign work by arranging to send a third missionary to Japan. While most glorious opportunities are opening for the extension of every department of our work, we must be confident that our Lord has placed before us the means of doing His work, if there is in us a willing mind. It is recommended that an effort be made to secure individual persons or congregations to contribute annually a specified amount towards the support of missionaries. Our Home Mission work calls for an extension of its operations in West Virginia, and in the Southern and Southwestern territory of this Synod. It is recommended that the General Secretary confer with the Mission Board of each synod in which the United Synod is operating as to the nature and extent of the work to be done.

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Our literary institutions are each year extending their influence, and should be relied upon to strengthen the Church by directing the increased power that education gives into Christian channels, for the Christian Church should be hand in hand with its Christian schools These institutions and the Church, through its synods, should be brought into closer sympathy and support, each of the other. Having an endowment of money is necessary to establish them in their competition with free, State institutions, but an endowment of love and loyalty is just as much needed. Being schools of the Church, they have a right to ask the support of the Church, which may be promoted by the officials of the colleges visiting the congregations and laying the wants of the institutions upon the heart and conscience of the people. The pastors should give most hearty encouragement to these school officials, advising our wealthy laymen to make bequests to our institutions. It is recommended that a time be set apart during this Convention to consider the matter of advancing the interests of our colleges.

THE PUBLICATION HOUSE.

Not only a valuable, but a most necessary aid in all departments of church work is a publication house. The Synod acted wisely in starting such an enterprise, and should now take hold to make it what it should be—a strong help to all parts of our work. It is advised that all the publication interests of the United Synod be centered in this house. The report, to be submitted, is commended for favorable action.

RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGESTION.

It is advised that a committee, one member from each synod, be appointed to prepare a uniform blank for our parochial reports; also, that special care be exercised in filling these blanks by the Secretaries of congregations, in order that we may have accurate statistics at the close of the century. As there are so many open heresies about us, so many partially hidden under a guise of piety; so many direct attacks upon God's Word; so much freedom in religious belief—all drawing people from the saving truth of the Gospel—it becomes us to guard carefully the preaching of the pure Word of God, to look after the faithful instruction of our youth in the family, in the class, and in our schools, that they may be fully grounded in the doctrine of the Bible as set forth in our Church Confession, and thus be fortified against all attacks upon their spiritual life. The fact that our Lutheran Church has escaped grievous troubles from such causes is undoubtedly due to our holding fast to "the faith once delivered to the saints" Let us establish ourselves, our congregations, our little ones on the foundation of the infallible Word of God, and we shall never be moved.

Expressing my full appreciation of the honor conferred upon me two years ago, I pray that the Spirit of True Wisdom and brotherly kindness may pervade all our work.

Fraternally,
J. B. GREINER.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to cast the unanimous vote of Synod for Rev. J. B. Greiner for the office of President. Rev. J. B. Greiner was accordingly elected.

On motion, the election of other officers was postponed until Thursday morning.

The hours of meeting and adjournment from time to time were fixed as follows: From 9 A. M. to 12.30 P. M., and from 3 P. M. to such time as Synod may elect to adjourn.

On motion, the following were appointed to furnish suitable reports of the proceedings of this body to the newspapers: for the Salisbury papers, Rev. L. E. Busby; for the Columbia papers, Rev. S. C. Ballentine; for the Charlotte papers, Rev. C. L. Miller; for the *News and Courier* of Charleston, Rev. J. W. Horine.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were appointed by the President:

1. *On President's Report*—Revs. R. C. Holland, J. W. Horine, E. H. Kohn, M. O. J. Kreps, and Messrs. J. D. Cappelmann and Jas. D. Heilig.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod*—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. B. Greever, C. A. Freed, C. P. Boozer, and Messrs. C. T. Bernhardt, A. H. Kohn, and A. D. Wessell.

3. *On District Synods*—Rev. J. J. Scherer, C. L. Miller, S. C. Ballentine, J. A. Cromer, and Messrs. L. H. Copenhaver and A. G. Wise.

4. *On State of the Church*—Revs. A. G. Voigt, A. Phillippi, J. C. Moser, C. A. Marks, and Messrs. H. P. Copenhaver and Jacob Paulsen.

5. *On Devotional Exercises*—Pastor loci and officers of Synod.

6. *On Theological Seminary*—Revs. A. G. Voigt, R. A. Yoder, C. B. Miller, W. J. Smith, Hon. H. S. Trout, and Dr. B. T. Wise.

7. *On Literary Institutions*—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, J. L. Derrick, J. A. Linn, J. S. Elmore, and Messrs. Jno. C. Seegers and Samuel Booher.

8. *On Missions*—Revs. S. T. Hallman, Geo. H. Cox, W. A. Deaton, D. P. T. Crickenberger, and Messrs. Wm. P. Houseal and S. H. Hearne.

9. *To Audit Treasurer's Report*—Messrs. Jno. F. Ficken, J. S. Etter, and Ambrose L. Henkel.

10. *On Letters and Petitions*—Revs. L. A. Fox, L. E.

Busby, J. A. B. Scherer, W. P. Cline, and Messrs J. E. Cooper, C. D. Barringer, and J. M. Gnann.

11. On Church Literature—Revs. W. L. Seabrook, M. M. Kinard, V. R. Stickley, and Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, C. M. Efird, and G. H. Snarr.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. V. R. Stickley.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

The Synod met and was led in prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Rev. E. L. S. Tressel, of the Joint Synod of Ohio, was recognized as a visitor, and the courtesies of Synod were extended him.

The following were received as advisory members: Rev. J. A. Morehead, Pres. J. D. Dreher, Rev. D. I. Offman, Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary Board of Missions, Rev. E. C. Cronk, Rev. W. H. Greever, Rev. C. K. Lippard, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Rev. A. R. Beck, Rev. J. L. Deaton, Rev. R. H. Cline, Rev. R. L. Patterson, Rev. B. W. Cronk, Rev. J. A. Arndt, Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph. D., Rev. W. R. Ketchie, Rev. H. E. H. Sloop.

The presence of Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D., official visitor from the General Council, was noted, and the hour of half past three o'clock this afternoon was set apart for his formal reception.

Synod proceeded to complete the election of officers. The election resulted as follows:

Rev. R. A. Yoder—Vice-President.

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer—Secretary.

Chas. H. Duls, Esq.—Treasurer.

On motion, it was resolved that the addresses of welcome at the opening of Synod and the response thereto be secured and published in our church papers.

The Rules of Order were read.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the hearing of his report was postponed until to-morrow morning.

The report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was read and referred to committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Herewith is presented a narrative of the Board's work since the meeting of the United Synod in Newberry, S. C., in May of 1898. At that meeting the old Board of Missions, which had been in office since 1895, was re-elected, with the substitution of J. A. Alexander, Esq., of Staunton, Va., in the place of Hon. H. S. Trout. The Board as elected is composed of the following persons: Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., L. L Smith, W. L. Seabrook, and J. Paul Stirewalt, and Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, J. E. Cooper, and J. A. Alexander, Esq

Immediately after the adjournment of the Synod at Newberry a meeting of the Board was called, and a formal organization was effected by the election of Rev. L. L. Smith, President; Mr. J. E. Cooper, Treasurer; and the re-election of Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary, and General Secretary of the Board. The Revs. L. L. Smith and W. L. Seabrook and Mr. J. E. Cooper were designated as an Executive Committee. Three regular meetings of the Board have been held, as follows: At Newberry, S. C., May 12, 1898; at Salem, Va., October 11 and 12, 1898; and at Winchester, Va., August 28 and 29, 1899 Meetings of the Executive Committee have been held frequently, as the needs of the work demanded.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations, adopted by the United Synod, have guided us in our work during the past two years:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the synods belonging to this body, for Foreign Missions, the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the synods belonging to this body, for Home Missions, the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

5. That each district synod be requested to print, in separate columns of their parochial tables, the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the Home and Foreign work of the Board of Missions.

These recommendations have been presented to the district synods and have been annually endorsed by them, with the exception of the Tennessee Synod. That synod, when asked to actively co-operate in the mission work of the United Synod, has reaffirmed the principles of co-operation heretofore laid down by it, and "as a synod" has refused co-operation with the other synods of the United Synod. It does not, however, deny to any pastor, congregation, or individual the privilege to contribute to this work as each may deem best.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

Our General Secretary has continued to make Atlanta, Ga., his headquarters, and in addition to his other work, he has regularly ministered to the congregation at that point. He has visited annually all the eight district synods and the three women's conventions, and as often as possible or necessary he has visited the mission congregations under the care of the Board. He has attended and kept a record of all Board meetings, sent circular and personal letters to pastors, received the monthly reports from the Home Missionaries, and attended to the correspondence with them, and he has furnished envelopes for mission collections as called for by congregations.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

We wish again to call special attention to the good work done by the Women's Societies of the United Synod. In many of our congregations these societies are organized, and missionary intelligence is disseminated and money collected by them. In the North and South Carolina and the Southwest Virginia Synods the Women's Societies hold annual State conventions, which are well attended. These three conventions have continued to cordially co-operate with the Board, and from them no inconsiderable part of the Board's income has been derived. From May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1900, the South Carolina Convention has paid $908.90 for Home and $502.91 for Foreign Missions; the North Carolina Convention has paid $819.56 for Home and $526.17 for Foreign Missions; the Southwest Virginia Convention has paid $650 for Home and $753.65 for Foreign Missions—a total of $4,161.19. All these items are included in our Treasurer's report in the totals received by him from synods, as these contributions have been counted to make up the apportionments of the synods to which the conventions belong. It is evident from these figures that our work could not have been so successfully carried on without

this generous co-operation on the part of our women. The missionary department of the *Lutheran Visitor* has been kept up by the persons appointed by the conventions for this work, and we know that much good has been accomplished by the information furnished. We trust that the pleasant relations existing at present between these women's conventions and the Mission Board will continue.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.

An earnest effort has been made to induce pastors to cultivate an interest among the children of the congregations in mission work. As directed by the United Synod, all pastors have been requested to hold regular children's missionary meetings and to collect money from them for this work. In some charges regular Children's Societies have been organized. In others the Sunday School as an integral part of the Church is the Children's Missionary Organization, actively and regularly co-operating in the missionary work of the congregation. The Board had received up to May 1st directly from Children's Societies—from the South Carolina Synod, $165.88 for Home and $5 for Foreign Missions; from the Southwest Virginia Synod, $80.40 for Home and $229.82 for Foreign Missions; and from the North Carolina Synod, $172.95 for Foreign Missions—a total of $654.05. We believe that this work among the children of our Church is capable of almost indefinite expansion, and we trust that in the future all our pastors and congregations will give it the attention it deserves.

HOME MISSIONS.

In connection with the Home Mission work which has been carried on by the Board since the last meeting of the United Synod we present the following details:

The old work under the care of the Board as reported on at that time has been continued, viz.: The First Church and Trinity Mission, Richmond, Va.; Winston, N. C.; Norfolk, Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; Asheville, N. C.; Bristol, Greenville, and Morristown, Tenn.; Fitzgerald, Ga.; and the Alabama Mission. At Newport News, Va., the work which was at that time announced as contemplated, has been successfully begun, a regular missionary has been placed there, and a church building has been secured; Greensboro and Lexington, N. C., have been assumed as missions of the Board, and a missionary was for some time sustained at these points; the pastor at Bluefield, W. Va., has been allowed to give a part of his time to Tazewell, Va., and it is hoped that another missionary can be placed in that territory at an early date; the pastor at Graham has added two preaching points to his charge, viz.: Keystone and Arlington; and a work within the bounds of the Mississippi Synod at Goodman has

been begun. We herewith present some facts as information in connection with these missions.

Missions in Virginia.

FIRST CHURCH, RICHMOND.

The only material change in this mission since our last report is the change of pastors that has been made, which was caused by the fact that the Rev. J. A. Morehead, who had so acceptably served the congregation, was called to the Presidency of the Theological Seminary. He was succeeded at Richmond by the Rev. C. A. Marks, who is now serving the congregation, which now numbers 264 communicants, with 200 children in the Sunday School. The salary of $900 a year is paid in full by the congregation. The debt on the property has not been reduced, being $4,800; besides a claim of $2,500 held by the Virginia Synod, and a note of $1,000 held by this Board. No successful steps have yet been taken either for the sale of the present church property or the erection on the vacant lot of a new church building. The Board is waiting for developments which will help to a decision in this matter.

TRINITY MISSION.

The Sunday School at Trinity Church has been continued up to this time, but according to the previously announced policy of the Board a pastor has not been put into this field. The Church Extension Society of the Southwest Virginia Synod notified the Board that it desired the return of a loan of $800, which had been made to this congregation before it was under the control of the Board of Missions. As neither the Board nor the congregation had the ability to repay this loan, and as the final outcome of this mission appeared extremely doubtful, the Church Extension Society was notified that they might, with the co-operation of the Executive Committee of the Board, foreclose their *deed of trust*. At the request of the Executive Committee of the Board action has been delayed by the Church Extension Society of said Synod. When this shall have been done the members of Trinity mission are advised as far as practicable to remove their church and Sunday-school membership to the First church.

NORFOLK, VA.

Rev. J. E. Shenk is still successfully filling the pastorate of this mission, which now has a membership of 126 communicants and 80 Sunday-school scholars, and pays on an average about $50 a month on salary. The increased amount paid by the congregation on salary has enabled the Board to decrease its payment to $30 a month. The church property at Norfolk cost us originally $4,500, and improvements including church

furniture have been added about $3,500. Of this amount the Board paid $3,000, the congregation obligating itself to pay the balance—all of which has been paid by them excepting $1,200, two-thirds of which is covered by good pledges redeemable one year from next August. It is confidently hoped by the pastor and the congregation that in about another year the mission will be entirely self-sustaining. The work in Norfolk is in a harmonious and prosperous condition. The Virginia Synod will be entertained by this congregation in October, 1900.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

The work reported two years ago as being contemplated at Newport News, Va., was promptly begun, and has been vigorously and successfully prosecuted. Mr. W. G. Shenk, whose death we recently mourned, gave one month's valuable service to this point during the fall of 1898, and during the same fall Rev. E. A. Shenk was sent as regular missionary. Rapid and gratifying progress was made in the prosecution of the work under his administration, a congregation was organized which now numbers 62 communicants with 65 in the Sunday-school, and pays $200 a year on salary. This salary is supplemented by a payment of $400 a year from the Board. In September of 1899, the congregation with the consent of the Board decided to buy a church property for $7,000. The Virginia Synod assumed $2,000 of this amount over and above their full apportionment to the Mission Board, and the same has been apportioned among the congregations of that synod to be paid within three years. In purchasing this property, which is desirable and eligibly located, $2,000 in cash was paid by the Board and $1,000 by the congregation, and $4,000 is to be paid in one, two, three, and four years by the congregation. The details of this business are being carefully carried out by the Executive Committee of this Board. The prospects of the mission are bright.

The Southwest Virginia Missions.

The Board has continued to manage the missions within the bounds of the Southwest Virginia Synod given into its care in 1897, and it gives us pleasure to state that this arrangement has enabled that synod with the assistance of its Woman's convention to approximate full payment of the amount asked from it by the United Synod.

PULASKI AND RADFORD, VA.

Rev. J. A. Huffard continues as pastor at these points, where the membership is 86 and 26 respectively. At Pulaski a flourishing Sunday-school with 100 members is maintained. The church property at Radford being very badly located for the use of our congregation was sold by the congregation for $1,000. It is the policy of the congregation to retain this money for the purchase of a church site in a more central location. Im-

portant steps for the development of this work may be taken in the near future. The Board paid at the rate of $200 per annum for a part of the past biennium and at the rate of $240 per annum for the other part to supplement the salary of the pastor of these congregations.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA.

The Rev W. H. Greever continues to acceptably serve this mission, which now numbers 68 members and 43 Sunday-school scholars. The Board pays $300 a year toward the salary of this mission, which has been regarded for a number of years as the special mission of the Women's Societies of the Southwest Virginia Synod, and the congregation pays an equal amount. By special arrangement Rev. Mr. Greever is at present giving one service a month to Tazewell, Virginia, a near-by point, where there is good prospect of building up a congregation which has been in existence a number of years. In order to advance this work an effort is being made to locate another missionary on this territory with headquarters at Tazewell.

GRAHAM, VA.

The congregation at Graham, Va., now numbers 49 communicants and 60 in the Sunday-school. After the Rev. C. L. Brown, who had agreed at the time of the last meeting of the United Synod to take charge of this mission, had entered upon the work he accepted the call of the Board as the second foreign missionary to Japan. The Board thereupon called the Rev. C Willis Cassell, who has faithfully served as missionary at Graham, preaching regularly also at Keystone and Arlington, neighboring towns of the near-by "coal field" region. The most important step looking to the permanency of the work at Graham was that taken by the Church Extension of the Southwest Virginia Synod in purchasing for church and school purposes the Wartburg Seminary property, in which the services of the congregation are held. By the payment of $500 the congregation secures a five twenty-seventh interest in the Wartburg property and the use of the chapel for religious purposes. It is hoped that in time congregations will be established at the points outside of Graham where Rev. Mr. Gassell has established and maintained regular appointments. The Graham congregation is obligated for $15 a month on salary, which amount the Board supplements by a payment of $200 a year.

The East Tennessee Missions.

GREENEVILLE, TENN.

The Rev. F. M. Harr served the Greeneville mission in connection with two other congregational appointments until April 1, 1900, when he resigned to accept another pastorate of the Holston Synod. Up to that

time the Board paid $120 a year on his salary. Negotiations are now pending looking to secure another missionary for this work. The congregation at Greeneville now numbers 26 members with 30 scholars in the Sunday-school. An obligation of $600 still rests upon the congregation as a debt contracted in building the church. A prominent layman of the congregation writes under date of April 15th, saying that the Sunday-school is in a good working condition, and that if a proper pastor can be secured "the church is ripe for good results."

MORRISTOWN AND MOHAWK, TENN.

The Rev. C. M. Fox served these missions in connection with the Sinking Springs congregation of the Holston Synod until the fall of 1899, when he resigned to take work within the bounds of the Southwest Virginia Synod. At the request of these congregations the Rev. Noah Bible was appointed missionary as his successor, and he has very acceptably filled the appointments since that time. The congregation at Morristown numbers 19 communicants with 45 in the Sunday-school, and there are 10 members at Mohawk. At both points there are neat church buildings, with a slight indebtedness upon each one. The Board is obligated for $120 a year on the salary of the missionary.

BRISTOL, TENN.

The Rev. J. B. Greever served as a supply the two country congregations which form a pastorate in connection with Bristol, Tenn., but as he has been forced by other duties to relinquish this work it is expected that a regular missionary will be located on this territory in the near future. A number of prominent Lutherans now live in Bristol, and as it is an important center, and a connecting link between the Southwest Virginia and the Holston synods it is hoped that a congregation can be established and maintained at this point.

Missions in North Carolina.

Within the bounds of the North Carolina Synod the Board has operated at the following points:

WINSTON, N. C.

In view of the fact that the United Synod is now convened in this beautiful mission church, and is being entertained by this mission congregation, it seems but right that we should say, "look and see for yourselves what has been done." A few years ago on the first visit of our Secretary to this city about half a dozen Lutherans were found: the congregation now numbers 110 communicants, with 87 in the Sunday-school, and has a most eligibly situated church property valued at $15,000, practically free of debt. These results have been attained by the liberality of the churches abroad, the self-sacrificing and devoted spirit of the Lutherans and the generosity of the citizens of Winston, and the zealous minis-

try of Rev. W. A Lutz, the pastor of this congregation since its organization. The payment of the Board on the pastor's salary is reduced to $20 a month, which supplements an annual salary of $400 paid by the congregation.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Soon after the last meeting of the United Synod the services of Rev. C. Brown Cox were secured for the Asheville mission. Things went very well in the mission congregation for a time, and we hoped that the days of struggle for organization and existence were almost past. But just as a property was about to be secured reverses came—some of the most faithful and able members of the congregation moved away, and plans for the future of this work have been delayed. The final outcome of this mission cannot now be successfully foretold.. The congregation now numbers 35 communicants, with 69 in the Sunday-school, and the Board supplements the pastor's salary by a payment of $30 monthly.

GREENSBORO AND LEXINGTON, N. C.

In the early fall of 1898, the Rev. P. D. Risinger was placed as missionary on the territory between and including Greensboro and Lexington, N. C. He preached regularly at these points, and occasionally at High Point. Very fair success attended the efforts at Greensboro ; while at Lexington, owing to various causes but largely it appears because of overlapping territory of the North Carolina and Tennessee synods, the attempt has proved at least a temporary failure. Rev. Mr. Risinger has resigned the work, and at present there is no missionary on this field. If later facts justify, another attempt may be made to establish missions at these points, as they are justly regarded as most desirable territory for our church. A special contribution of $200 a year from the Women's Convention of the North Carolina Synod enabled the Board to do what has been done in this section.

Missions in Georgia.

The work of the Board in Georgia has been done in Atlanta, Fitzgerald and Tallapoosa. The mission congregation in Augusta, although not yet self-sustaining, has not been aided by this Board, but by the local committee of the South Carolina Synod.

ATLANTA, GA.

The Secretary of the Board has continued to give his unemployed time to Atlanta, Ga., and with only a few ommissions besides the month of August of each year, regular weekly services have been held in the Young Men's Christian Association hall. The Lutherans resident in Atlanta now number about 65, with about 35 enrolled in the Sunday-school, and they have paid $20 monthly on salary. An attempt was made to secure funds

for the erection of a church in Atlanta by calling for contributions over and above the regular assessments, but only about $635 were thus given, in addition to two pledges—one of $500 and another of $100—from "friends" of the mission. Besides these gifts and pledges about $800 in cash and subscriptions have been raised in Atlanta for the purchase of a lot. At the last meeting of the Board it was decided that the work would be advanced by getting the lot, and then afterwards continuing to secure money for the church building. Instructions were therefore given to the Secretary to secure with all the funds on hand for this purpose as soon as possible a lot in Atlanta for a church site. Further delay, however, has been occasioned by the inability to secure a *suitable* lot for the amount of money on hand. It is hoped that advance steps in this direction can be taken at an early day.

FITZGERALD, GA.

The congregation at Fitzgerald now numbers 40 members, with 47 in the Sunday-school. The Rev. H. F. Long, the pastor in charge, has most faithfully and generously served this congregation, and since the last meeting of this body he has completed a small but very neat and comfortable church on the very centrally located lot which he had previously secured. In recognition of his service the Board has increased its monthly payment to Pastor Long to $10. The church lot in Fitzgerald is 49 x 170 feet and cost $275; the church building is 24 x 36 feet and cost in cash and labor about $450. Of these amounts Rev. Mr. Long personally paid in cash $500, the balance being paid by members of the congregation, with the help of a contribution of $50 from the Board and $35 from individual congregations of the Georgia Synod. The titles to this entire property Rev. Mr. Long proposes to turn over to the congregation on the payment by the Board of $300 cash and our own lot in Fitzgerald, which is valued at $50. The Georgia Synod was very hospitably and pleasantly entertained in this church during the fall of 1899.

TALLAPOOSA, GA.

Tallapoosa, Ga., has been made the headquarters of the missionary in charge of the Alabama mission, who at this time is the Rev. H. C. Grossman. He succeeded Rev. Mr. Settlemyre in the winter of 1898 and 1899, and he has filled appointments at Jacksonville, Aderhold's, and St. Michael's in Alabama, and at Tallapoosa, Ga. At present we are negotiating to secure control of the Swedish mission, ten miles away at Fruithurst, Ala., with the intention of adding it to his work. The prospect for a continuance of our Lutheran interests ar Jacksonville and Aderhold's is not good, but regular services will be continued at St. Michael's church, and the future development of the work at the other places named will be

carefully guarded, so that this desirable territory can be occupied by our Lutheran church. Rev. Mr. Grossman and the congregation at St. Michael's, with 40 members, have been received into the Georgia Synod. The Board pays $10 a month toward the support of the Alabama mission.

THE MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

In response to an urgent call the Board direeted its Secretary to visit the Mississippi Synod in 1898 and the summer of 1899. Arrangements were made to send two ministers into that Synod—one to take charge of the school and congregations in and near Beth Eden without any expense to the Board, and the other to establish a mission at Goodman, Miss., and to preach to two near-by country congregations. Rev. H. E. H. Sloop of the Georgia Synod was sent to Beth Eden, and Rev. J. L. Derrick of the Mississippi Synod was chosen as the missionary at Goodman. For a time the Board paid $10 monthly on the salary at Goodman, which amount has now been increased to $15 a month. Although there are only twelve Lutherans at Goodman, they have already secured a church lot, and they have in cash and good subscriptions about $250 on hand for a church building. They will need help to complete the church, and for a time at least continued assistance in the support of a pastor. The Mississippi Synod is our weakest Synod. There are enrolled only five active pastors and two licentiates, and there are only thirteen congregations with 650 communicants. The entire territory of this Synod is in a sense missionary ground, and there is for our church a large field for work. We sincerely trust that the Synod, with the assistance of the church at large, will be able to take advantage of promising openings as they occur in that section. The pressing need is the increasing of the number of pastors on the field, and the education of the people for their better support.

APPORTIONMENTS TO SYNODS AND RESPONSES.

The Board has endeavored faithfully to carry out the instruction of the United Synod to apportion and raise among the eight district synods the sum of $8,000 for Home Missions, and the sum of $4,500 for Foreign Missions annually. Seven of the district synods assumed as equitable the proportionate amounts asked by the Board, and agreed to make a faithful effort to raise the same. In order to raise this mission money each synod apportioned its individual amounts among its congregations, and they printed, as the Board requested, an itemized statement of these congregational apportionments in the synodical minutes each year. Requests have been regularly sent to pastors asking for prompt collections of these amounts, and our Treasurer has made regular monthly statements in the church papers of all remittances of money sent to him. In spite of these facts, the statistical table presented herewith, and the final report of our Treasurer will show that the mark set up has not yet nearly

been reached. We deeply regret that we are not able to say that the full amount asked for has been secured. The deficit in our Home Mission account is large, and will readily answer the question, Why have not more churches been built and why has not the work in the Home field been more rapidly pushed?

RECEIPTS FROM SYNODS.

For general information, we submit the apportionments and the amounts paid by synods from May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1900, being for two full years, at the rate of 25 cents for Home Missions, and on a basis of membership as specified.

HOME MISSION APPORTIONMET.

SYNODS.	MEMBERS.	APPORTIONM'T.	PAID.
*Virginia	5,800	$2,900	$2,244 64
Southwest Virginia	4,400	2,200	1 709 25
South Carolina	8,400	4,200	1,714 12
North Carolina	7,100	3,550	933 58
Holston	2,000	1,000	224 72
Georgia	2,000	1,000	578 61
Tennessee	7,500	3,750	63 11
Mississippi	700	350	63 20
Total	37,900	$18,950	$7,531 23

*Exclusive of pledges to Norfolk and Newport News to the amount of $655.10.

SUMMARY.

In order to present the results of our work in a concise and clear way, we again print a tabulated statement of the operations of the Mission Board since the organization of the United Synod, at Roanoke, in 1886. To complete the record the churches at Augusta, Ga., and Knoxville, Tenn., which are no longer aided by the Board, are incluced in this statement. This table includes in two instances only the additions to membership at the last Easter Communion. These statistics show that during the time mentioned twenty-seven missions have been organized or aided. In these missions there are at present about 1,500 communicants and 1,300 Sunday School scholars. The church property belonging to these missions is valued at $82,900, with indebtedness to only the amount of $16,400. At present fifteen home missionaries are employed, and two mission points are without pastors. Seven church buildings have been bought or built outright by the Board during these fourteen years, and in addition to these several were built by the Southwest Virginia Synod and its Women's Convention, which are now under our care. For the successful prosecution of the work, four or more additional churches should be built at once.

We feel that this report would be incomplete if we did not bear testimony to the faithfulness, and in many instances to the self-sacrificing spirit, of the missionaries who have been and are now in the employment of the Board. They have in every instance, so far as our knowledge goes, conscientiously performed their work, and they have promptly rendered full monthly reports of the same to the Board.

It would scarcely be expected that a work of the magnitude of this which we represent could be carried on without encountering difficulties and obstacles, and oftentimes discouragements. If at any time mistakes have been made, we are sure that no one can regret the same more than our missionaries and the members of this Board.

Tabulated Statement of Missions Organized or Aided by the Board Since 1886.

STATIONS.	Members. Congregation.	Members. Sunday School.	Value of Property.	Debt. Congregation.	Debt. Board.	Monthly Salary. Congregation	Monthly Salary. Board.	REMARKS.
Knoxville, Tenn	95	68	$10000			$65 00		Self-sustaining.
Augusta, Ga	194	142	12500	$500			$20 00	Aided by S. C. Synod.
Richmond, First Church	264	200	15000	7300		75 00		Self-sustaining.
Richmond, Trinity	15	50	1500	800				To be disbanded.
Norfolk, Va	126	80	8000	1200		50 00	30 00	Flourishing.
Newport News, Va	62	62	7000	4000		16 66	33 33	Prosperous.
Pulaski, Va	86	100	5500			17 00	16 66	Important.
Radford, Va	26							Church to be built.
Blueford, W. Va	68	43	1500			25 00	25 00	Railroad center.
Tazewell, Va	27	35				10 00		Church to be built.
Graham, Va	49	60	500	500		15 00	16 66	Important.
Keystone, Va		*50						To be developed.
Arlington, Va		*50						To be developed.
Greeneville, Tenn	26	37	2500	600		5 00	10 00	No pastor at present.
Bristol, Tenn	15							To be developed.
Morristown, Tenn	27	35	2500	800		10 00	10 00	Important town.
Mohawk, Tenn	10		850	100				Very weak.
Winston, N. C	110	87	12000	600		33 33	20 00	Debt provided for.
Asheville, N. C	35	69				15 00	30 00	Church needed.
Greensboro, N C	30					15 00	16 66	No pastor.
Lexington, N. C	25					10 00		No pastor.
Atlanta, Ga	65	35				20 00		Church needed.
Fitzgerald, Ga	40	47	1000			5 00	10 00	Good progress.
Talllapoosa, Ga	20							To be organized.
St. Michael's, Ala	45	30	1500			5 00	10 00	A needy field.
Zion, Ala	15	30	1000					Very weak.
Goodman, Miss	12		50				15 00	Church needed.
Total.	1487	1310	$82500	$16400		391 99	243 31	

*Average attendance at preaching service ; not counted with Sunday School scholars.

THE FUTURE.

From the statements given in this report, it is evident that God has continued to bless our Church by opening wider doors for work in our Home Mission field. The work continues to increase on our hands—more missionaries are needed, more churches are to be built, more territory is to be occupied than ever before. As a consequence, more money is needed to carry on the work successfully We fully appreciate the faithfulness and liberality of many pastors and congregations and societies, as manifested by their continued contributions to our Home Mission treasury. If, however, this work is to be in the future what it ought to become, we feel that some means must be devised to secure from the synods a larger part—the entire amount if possible—of the apportionment asked from them by the United Synod. We do not feel that the small sum of 25 cents a member is too much to ask and expect from the Lutherans in the South for the spread of our Church in this important section. We trust that the day may speedily come when it can be said that the full apportionment has been raised, and when that day shall come our Home Mission work can be correspondingly increased and more successfully carried out.

Foreign Missions—Japan.

The past two years of the history of our Japan Mission tell the story of the marked growth of our Foreign work. The biennium covered by this report will show a gratifying advance and what has been accomplished under the blessing and guidance of the great Head of the Church should be an inspiration to our churches to renewed zeal and self-denial, so that the privileges offered to us in extending the kingdom may be gladly accepted. The Board offers for your consideration and approval the following narrative:

THE CALL OF REV. C. L. BROWN AND HIS DEPARTURE.

At the Newberry Convention, the opinion and spirit of the body was to send out more missionaries. Though the Board had striven to have a second missionary called, it had failed, and the initiatory action was taken at that time by which Rev. C. L. Brown dedicated himself to the Foreign work. Early in July, 1898, his call was announced to the Church at large, and August 18, 1898, he relinquished his work in the Graham Pastorate, Southwest Virginia Synod, spending the time until his departure for Japan, October, 1898, in visiting synods, conferences, and churches within the United Synod Mr. Brown was married to Miss Virgie E. Frantz, in the College Church, Salem, Va., by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., September 29, 1898, and a farewell service having been held in the College Church, Salem, Va., Mr. Brown departed for Japan,

October 20, 1898, arriving at Yokohama, November 6, 1898. Mr. Brown and wife were welcomed and joyfully received by Dr. Peery and wife and the congregation at Saga. He entered on the study of the language at once, and has been useful and helpful in the work of the mission, performing many duties. His first Japanese sermon was preached at Kumamoto, at the Easter service, 1900. At the request of Dr. Peery, in order to relieve him, and with the approval of the Board, Mr. Brown for the past few months has been Treasurer of the mission. To preserve the history the following narrative of Mr. Brown's life is incorporated into this report:

Rev. Charles Lafayette Brown was born in Iredell county, N. C., on December 3, 1874, the son of Robert A. and Susan Brown. His early life was spent in Charlotte, N. C., where his mother died when he was about five years old. At about the age of fourteen he went to Richmond, Va., where he had an uncle and aunt living. His purpose at that time was to become a machinist. He accordingly applied to the Richmond Locomotive Works for a position, but failed to secure it because he was too young, the required age for employment being eighteen years. Young Brown then found emplcyment with his uncle who was in the printing business, and learned to be a practical printer. While in Richmond he attended church and Sunday-school regularly at the First English Evangelical Lutheran church. There, at the age of sixteen, he was confirmed by Rev. J. S. Moser, and his name still remains on the church roll at Richmond.

In the spring of 1889 Mr Brown decided to dedicate his life to the service of the Lord in the holy ministry. At that time he retrned to North Carolina in order to enter Bethany Academy, near Gold Hill, there to prepare himself for entrance at Roanoke College. While at Bethany Academy he was under the instruction of Prof. L. A. Rothrock, son of Rev. Samuel Rothrock, well known in the North Carolina Synod. In the fall of 1891 Mr. Brown entered the Freshman class at Roanoke College as a beneficiary student of the Southwest Virginia Synod. He did faithful and successful work as a student, his name appearing each year on the distinction list. He was active in Christian work both among the students and in the congregation at Salem. He was held in the highest esteem by faculty and students and was characterized by earnestness, faithfulness and straightforwardness in his work and life.

He was the successful contestant for the orator's medal in 1894, when he was a Junior. He graduated in the A. B. course in 1895 with high class standing. In the fall of the same year he entered the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, having been fortunate in securing a scholarship provided by one of the benevolent societies of St. John's (English) Evangelical Lutheran church, in Race street, Philadelphia.

As at college, so at the seminary, Mr. Brown enjoyed the highest confidence and esteem of both students and faculty. He was characterized by the same earnestness and faithfulness in his work and was rewarded by the same high class standing. The summer vacation of 1896 he spent in church work at Bluefield, W. Va., with Pastor W. H. Greever. The vacation of 1897 he spent as supply in the Graham-Keystone charge, making his headquarters at Graham, Va. He graduated from the Seminary in the spring of 1898, and was one of five out of a class of thirty-two to be honored with an address at the commencement exercises. Having previously received a call from the Board of Missions to become permanent pastor of the Graham-Keystone charge, he accepted the same and immediately after graduation entered upon that work.

OUR THIRD MISSIONARY—REV. C. K. LIPPARD.

At the Board meeting in Salem in October, 1898, when the final interview with Mr. Brown and the farewell services were held, the Board took action looking to the call of a third missionary. In the autumn of 1899 the call made to Rev. C. K. Lippard was accepted by him, and the announcement made to the church January 30, 1900. Mr. Lippard is present at this convention of the United Synod, and an opportunity given to the representatives of the church to meet him. The Board is grateful for the guidance of the Lord in the call of Mr. Lippard, and congratulates the church that he has dedicated his service and talents to our Japan work. The following sketch of his life is appended for the information of the church :

Rev. Cephas K. Lippard was born in Iredell county, N. C., Easter Sunday, April 9, 1872. His first eighteen years were spent on the farm in doing all kinds of work, in the house, iron and wood shop, in the field, etc. From his earliest days he wished to be a minister. During the winters he went to school, but his father could not afford to send him to college, so he determined to try to work his way to a college education. When nineteen years of age he began teaching public school, by which he made enough money to begin work in college. Through struggle and difficulty, with the help and blessing of God, he spent four years in Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., graduating from that institution in 1895. After that he taught in Mt. Holly Institute, Mt. Holly, N. C., for ten months. At the end of this term he accepted work in New Market, Va., and preached there during the summer. In the autumn of 1896 he began work in the Seminary at Chicago and graduated in April, 1899. During the present year he took the B. D. course in the same institution, and received that degree in May. He has taught in the Seminary three years —the first two years Greek, and in this year he has taught in the regular first year's Seminary work. During the summer of 1897 he was chaplain

in the Passavant Memorial Hospital, Chicago. During the summer of 1898 he began a mission in Racine, Wisconsin, which proved very successful. He rented a hall and began with a Sunday-school of ten children, and in three months organized the First English Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion with thirty-two members gathered from the byways of the city, and had 100 enrolled in the Sunday-school. Last summer he was with the Rev. C. Luther Miller, Ilex, N. C., helping him with his seven churches and missions. In all this work Mr. Lippard has done considerable preaching, having preached 225 times in sixty different churches in North Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. In a recent letter to the Board, Mr. Lippard says : "My happiest days have been spent in preaching and telling the sweet story of Jesus. It is now the burning desire of my soul to tell that sweet story to the heathen world."

VISITATION OF THE CHURCHES.

A valuable aid in our work, arousing and quickening the interest in the mission, is the visitation of the churches by our missionaries. The tours of Revs. Scherer and Peery were very helpful indeed, bringing our workers in close fellowship and personal touch with the home churches. The Board, encouraged by the results of past experience, had Mr. Brown before sailing visit many of our synods and churches in the South. His contact with our people increased the interest greatly, a fact well known to the Board. It is the plan of the Board to have Mr. Lippard, as far as possible, visit our Southern church and present the great cause, and from the adjournment of this body until he sails in September he will be at the command of the Board. It is to be hoped that he may have the privilege of making the acquaintance of our pastors and speaking to their congregations, so that deep, personal interest may be awakened in the work.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES AND SPECIAL OBJECTS.

Definiteness in religious work always has the happy effect of increasing zeal and self-denial. The Board notices with pleasure a desire on the part of our people to have a special work in connection with Japan. With the sending out of Rev. Mr. Brown came the request of the Women's Societies of the Southwest Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina synods to support him by the payment of his salary, devoting their offerings to this specific purpose. The Board granted this request, and Mr. Brown is the representative in a special manner of our Women's Societies in the foreign field. The Board trusts that with this special work our women may have a renewed interest in the mission.

THE COST OF THE GENERAL WORK.

Though it is helpful to have churches and Sunday-schools do special work, it is all important for the church to realize the heavy demands made upon our treasury for the running expenses of the mission. During the past two years these expenses have greatly increased, and they become a monthly charge on our funds. The church should be alert to give the Board ample funds for the contingent expenses of the mission, to use where good may be accomplished as the privilege arises, and the general fund is the income of the Board given in the regular apportionments. With the increase in the number of missionaries will follow greater need for more funds for the general work. It is all important for the churches to give the Board an ample fund for use in developing and prosecuting the work over and above the mere payment of salaries of missionaries and native workers. Further, the salary of Mr. Lippard will be drawn from the general fund, an additional charge which has not existed for the past four years.

THE SAGA CHURCH BUILDING—THE MILLER MEMORIAL.

It was realized by the Board for years that our mission should have a church home in Saga. Difficulties of various kinds prevented its accomplishment. During the past year the time came when a church building became a necessity. The native church in Saga was organized in the summer of 1898, with Yamanouchi san as pastor. A constitution for the congregation in accord with Lutheran principles was adopted. With the organization of the congregation came the necessity for a church home. At the very first the native Christians out of their resources began to collect funds to purchase a lot. The Board of Missions for a number of years had in its treasury a bequest of $500 made by the late Geo. F. Miller, of Winchester, to be used in the erection of a church in Japan. Not until the treaties of 1899 went into effect, allowing foreigners property rights in Japan, did the Board think it wise to expend that fund. When the treaties went into effect last summer, and the native Christians were ready to purchase the lot, the Board in December last forwarded the Miller bequest to be nsed in the erection of our first church in Japan, which church will be known as the "Miller Memorial." The fund of $500 by judicious investment has an added value of $130, and this with an additional bequest of $200, together with some minor donations, will make the fund for the "Miller Memorial" about $839.

THE KATHERINE SCHERER MEMORIAL.

The Board was overtured last summer by Revs. W. R. Brown and E. C. Cronk to give its permission and sanction to an effort to secure funds for a church building in Japan in memory of Mrs. Katherine Scherer,

lamented wife of Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., of Marion Female College. This sainted woman was deeply interested in our Japan work, and gave an earnest support to our foreign effort. It was proposed to raise the money —the sum of $500, largely from the alumnæ and ex-students of Marion College and other friends. The Board approved the project, and is glad to know that success is crowning the efforts of those having the matter in charge. This will be the second church edifice in our Japan field, and may be built in Kumamoto or Kurume, wherever the need is greatest and future events may decide.

BEQUESTS.

The Board is rejoiced to record that during the biennium two bequests have been made to our Japan field. Mrs. Elizabeth Whitesell, a member of the Rockingham Pastorate, Virginia Synod, bequeathed one-half of her personal estate to our Foreign work, which will realize $501.96. Mrs. Whitesell was a Miss Shank before her marriage, and devoted to the Church.

Mr. J. A. Miller, a brother of the late Geo. F. Miller, who made the first bequest to our work, passed away in Winchester, Va., in the early spring of this year, remembering the foreign work to the amount of $200. These bequests indicate that there is, though quiet and beneath the surface, a deep interest in our work in Japan, and the Board has strong faith that these bequests are but the beginnings of large gifts to this work. Many of our people could in this way do much for the cause, and the example of these saints should appeal loudly to many in our churches to remember thus both our Foreign and Home Mission work in the final distribution of their earthly goods.

ECUMENICAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Board was invited to have representation in the great Ecumenical Missionary Conference, held in Carnegie Hall, New York city, April 21 to May 1, 1900. Revs. L. K. Probst and L. L. Smith were appointed delegates by the Board at a meeting held in Winchester, 1899. As Mr. Probst found it impossible to attend, the Board selected Mr. J. E. Cooper, our treasurer, in his place. These brethren attended as the delegates from our Southern church.

LITERATURE.

Our missionaries have regularly published interesting articles in the church papers, keeping the churches fully informed of the work. The Publication Board is about to issue a book about our Japan work, written by Dr. Peery, which should be read by all of our people. An interesting and helpful publication of the biennium is "A Short Catechism on

Japan," prepared for the use of Children's Missionary Socteties. It gives concisely much valuable information calculated to stimulate missionary interest.

REPORT OF DR. PEERY.

The following report of the mission has been made to the Board by Dr. Peery, and is given for the information of the church:

Report of the Lutheran Mission in Japan For 1898-99.

GENERAL SITUATION.

The conditions under which missionaries live and labor in Japan now are very different from what they were two years ago. When the revised treaties went into effect last June the treaty ports and consular jurisdiction were abolished. All foreigners living in the country became amendale to Japanese laws, and answerable to the native courts. For the first time in history the Christian nations admitted a non-Christian power into their fellowship on terms of equality, and entrusted the lives and property of the citizens to her laws. People were not wanting who thought the time premature for such a change, and who felt a great deal of apprehension concerning it. But the old order passed quietly away, giving place to the new; and everything has gone well thus far. There has been some friction at times, but hardly more than would accompany such a radical change in the West.

Mission work has profited in many respects by this change. Passports have been done away with, and we are free to travel or reside where we wish. We now enjoy all the privileges granted to Japanese subjects, except the right to own land. For a sentimental reason no foreigner is permitted to own real estate; but he can lease it for long periods—say five hundred years—and can hold in his own name all houses and improvements that he may put thereon. These are decided advantages to our work. Such incidents as that of the Doshisha need not now occur, and missionaries no longer have to spend their precious time and strength teaching English, in order to gain permission to reside in the interior.

Following the operation of the new treaties, official recognition has been extended to Christianity. Heretofore Christianity has existed in Japan only by toleration; but henceforth it is to have a legal status, and equal rights with other religions. This will answer the common objection that Christianity is a foreign religion; and will make it easier for the intensely patriotic Japanese to become Christians. Official recognition also carries with it exemption from taxation for church property.

But as an offset to these advantges, we will have to endure a great deal of government interference with our work. Minute regulations have already been promulgated concerning the building of churches,

holding of meetings, selection and appointment of pastors, collection of moneys, etc.; and to comply with them all will be irksome. These regulations are also framed in such a manner that the local officials can interfere with our work and hamper it in many ways, if disposed to do so. Christian ministers, with the teachers of all other religions, are denied the right of speaking publicly on political questions, and some of the leading native Christians object seriously to this part of the regulations.

The Educational Department has decided that religious schools can no longer enjoy official recognition, and the privileges which that recognition carries with it. These privileges are exemption from conscription, and access to the higher schools and universities. Up to this time the leading mission schools have been granted these privileges regardless of their religious character; but from this time forward all religious instruction and exercises must be put away from them, or the privileges must be relinquished. Without them the Christian schools will labor at a great disadvantage in comparison with the government schools, and this new rule comes as a great blow to them. Strong efforts are being made to have these drastic regulations modified, but without success so far. The government disclaims any intention of opposing Christianity in this matter, and affirms that it is only carrying out a long cherished policy of separating education entirely from religious influences. But there are many people who do not believe this, and who think that it is but part of a general plan to impede the progress of the Gospel as far as it is possible to do so without exciting a scandal.

The cost of living has been rapidly rising in Japan for several years Real estate and houses cost twice what they did a few years ago; wages have doubled; and the prices of other things have risen in proportion. This is partly the effect of the Japan-China war; but it is chiefly the price Japan must pay for her Western civilization. Oriental simplicity cannot long continue in the midst of Occidental civilization. With material progress has necessarily come increased wants. Formerly a man was content with a cheap native garment, but now he must have a Western suit; formerly he went bareheaded, but now he must have a stiff hat; formerly he satisfied his hunger with rice and vegetables, but now he must have a meat diet at least once per day. Thus his wants grow, and the cost of living is greatly increased thereby.

This rise in the scale of living, and the appreciation of the price of commodities, makes the prosecution of mission work in Japan to-day much costlier than it was in previous years. The various missions have been forced to pay their pastors and evangelists larger salaries than they formerly paid; and they must also pay much higher rents for houses and chapels. One yen now does not go more than half as far as it did when I came to Japan eight years ago.

PROGRESS OF OUR OWN WORK.

Turning to our own particular work, we find a record of steady and substantial progress. We have done nothing remarkable, and yet we have accomplished something, and are in a much better condition for future work than we were two years ago.

The first step forward was the organization of the Saga Church, which was accomplished in the summer of 1898. Four of our leading men were chosen as deacons; Yamanouchi *san* was elected pastor; and a constitution in strict accord with Lutheran doctrine and polity was adopted for the congregation. In fact, the constitution adopted was simply the translation of a constitution sent us by President Smith. All business matters of the congregation were turned over into its own hands, the mission agreeing to assist it with a certain proportion of the monthly expenses.

In September, 1898, we began work in Kumamoto. This is the largest and most important city in Kyushu except Nagasaki, and has a population of 80,000. It is the seat of the fifth higher school (corresponding to the American colleges) with almost 1,000 students in attendance; and is also the location of a large barracks, with 10,000 soldiers. It is an excellent field for Christian work. The situation is convenient to us, being only five hours distant by rail from Saga. Our second evangelist, Yamanouchi Naomaru, was put in charge of this station, and he is doing good work there. He preaches publicly twice each week, and gives private instruction in the Gospel to all who will receive it. Since he began work there three young men have been aptized. The opening of this station in Kumamoto was one of the most important steps our mission has yet taken.

The next thing to encourage us was the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Brown, in November, 1898. We had been waiting, rather impatiently, for help for two years, and were very happy to greet these new fellow-workers. Our Japanese Christians, too, were glad to see them, and gave them a cordial welcome. It was a great comfort and support to me to have some one with whom to talk over mission problems again, and to share the responsibility.

Not long after Rev. Brown came, on the authorization of the Board, evangelists Yamanouchi Ryohei and Yamanouchi Naomaru were ordained. They were carefully examined in the most important branches of theology, and the examinations proving satisfactory, they were set apart to the holy office of the ministry, according to the solemn and impressive order given in the Book of Worship. The older man was ordained as pastor of the Saga Church; the younger one as missionary pastor in Kumamoto. It is hardly necessary to say that this was a decided

forward movement. We are very glad to have two earnest and reliable native ministers in our work.

Two of the three theological students, who had been under instruction for two years, completed a partial course in 1898, and after passing satisfactory examinations were authorized to preach, and placed in charge of chapels here in the city, where they have since labored. The third man, Koike Kesao, was given a fuller course, and was graduated in 1899. He is a young man of good mind and heart, and we trust and believe will make a faithful minister. Last summer he had charge of the work in Kubota, near Saga.

In September of last year we decided to begin work at once in the prosperous city of Kurume, about midway between Saga and Kumamoto, and sent Koike *san* there. Kurume is a progressive town of 30,000 people. It is an excellent field for work, and we are very thankful that we have a station there. Koike *san* secured a good chapel in the center of the city, and has begun the work under favorable circumstances. I hope we may be able to lead many people to Christ in that town.

Besides opening two new stations, we have carried on the work regularly in all the old stations, with varying success. Not many converts have been gathered; but we have published the blessed Gospel widely in these regions. I find twenty-three baptisms recorded for the two years.

In the fall of 1899, Rev. and Mrs. Winther came to Saga at our invitation, and are temporarily residing here. Rev. Winther is a Danish Lutheran minister who studied theology in the Seminary at Blair, Nebraska; and was sent as a missionary to Japan in 1898 by the Lutheran Missionary Society of West Slesvig, Germany. It is his desire to permanently locate somewhere in our field, and to co-operate with us in building up one Lutheran Church in Japan, and in this desire Rev. Brown and I heartily concur. At present Mr. and Mrs. Winther are simply here studying the language, and assisting us as they are able in the meanwhile. They are very excellent people, and we are glad to have them with us.

NEEDS OF THE MISSION.

1. Our greatest need at present is a Foreign Missionary for Kurume and another for Kumamoto. It is very important that we have foreigners associated with the native brethren there from the beginning of the work. At present I go to each of those cities once a month; but this visitation is insufficient. We should have one man in each of those cities, who could give all his time to that work. Then he and the native minister together would be in a condition to do good work. We hope a Foreign Missionary can be put in each of those cities soon.

2. Our next need is a church building here in Saga. We have used a

rented house long enough, and should now have a church home of our own. The Lutheran Church in Japan has not a single church building yet, and we greatly need a church as a rallying point for our forces. It seems that this want will be supplied in the near future. The congregation here is ready to purchase a good lot, and the Board has now sent us the Miller bequests for a building. Eight hundred dollars will not build a much better church in Japan than it would in America, and in a city of this size and standing we ought to have a good, stately church; but if that sum is all the help we can get from home we will do what we can with it, and be thankful. The native converts are poor, and can do little more than buy the lot.

3. Another crying need of the mission is comfortable homes for the missionaries. A single man can manage to get along in a Japanese house, but a man with a family fares badly in it. This is the judgment of all the missions operating in Japan; and the usual rule is for them to build foreign houses for their foreign workers. It should be the settled policy of our Board to build foreign homes, or homes as nearly foreign as possible, for its missionaries, as soon as they are definitely located. I am convinced that the permanent interests of the work would be enhanced by such a course.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries	2
Native ministers	2
Unordained helpers	4
Stations	4
Out-stations	3
Sunday Schools	4
Scholars in same	150
Baptized members	82
Converts in 1898–99	23
Native contributions in the two years	534.92 yen.*
Monthly salaries of missionaries	$175
Monthly salaries of native helpers	109 yen.
House rents per month	57.80 yen.

R. B. PEERY.

APPORTIONMENTS.

Apportionment and amount paid for Foreign Missions from May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1900, being for two full years, at the rate of 15 cents per capita, on a basis of membership as specified.

*A yen is equal to about fifty cents in American money.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SYNODS.	MEMBERS.	APPORTIONM'T.	PAID.
Virginia	5,800	$1,740	$3,445 24
Southwest Virginia	4,400	1,300	1,502 01
South Carolina	8,400	2,520	1,138 49
North Carolina	7,000	2,090	1,070 07
Holston	2,000	600	129 00
Georgia	2,000	600	399 57
Tennessee	7,500	2,250	86 20
Mississippi	700	210	12 05
Total	37,900	11,310	$7,782 63

Board of Missions' Financial Statement, From May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1900.

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

By balance on hand at closing of books, May 1, 1898	$ 1855 98
By contributions in past two years	7531 23
By Winston, N. C., Church towards pastor's salary	772 05
By Graham and Keystone, Va , towards pastor's salary	267 10
By Asheville, N. C., Church towards pastor's salary	267 96
By Morristown and Sinking Creek, Tenn., towards pastor's sal.	200 81
By Atlanta, Ga., Church towards pastor's salary	455 00
By Alabama Mission towards pastor's salary	141 06
By Norfolk, Va., Church towards pastor's salary	1227 71
By Greeneville, Tenn., Church towards pastor's salary	85 90
By Fitzgerald, Ga., Church towards pastor's salary	24 81
By Bluefield, W. Va., Church towards pastor's salary	670 68
By Pulaski and Radford, Va., towards pastor's salary	400 89
By Newport News, Va., Church towards pastor's salary	216 63
By Mississippi Mission towards pastor's salary	120 65
By Greensboro, N. C., Mission towards pastor's salary	187 50
By pledges Virginia Synod to Norfolk	240 10
By loan from Foreign Fund for purchase of church at Newport News, to be returned by Virginia Synod	2000 00
By amount pledges returned by Virginia Synod on above loan	415 00
By special contribution to liquidate balance of principal and interest on Board's loan, April 9, 1895, (principal, $1,000; interest, $609.50)	1609 50
Total	$18690 56

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To amount of Mr. Samuel Crickenberger's bequest (transferred to foreign account in accordance with testator's will)	$	285 00
To Winston, N. C., Church—salary of pastor		1685 31
To Graham and Keystone Churches—salary of pastor		601 14
To Asheville, N. C , Church—salary of pastor		895 46
To Morristown and Sinking Creek—salary of pastor		440 81
To Atlanta, Ga , ¾ salary Rev. L. K. Probst as pastor and Secretary of Board		1880 00
To Alabama Mission—salary of pastor		291 06
To Norfolk, Va., Church—salary of pastor		2107 71
To Greeneville, Tenn , Church—salary of pastor		315 90
To Fitzgerald, Ga., Church—salary of pastor		184 81
To Bluefield, W. Va., Church—salary of pastor		1270 68
To Pulaski and Radford, Va.—salary of pastor		850 73
To Newport News, Va., Church—salary of pastor		866 61
To Mississippi Mission—salary of pastor		300 65
To Greensboro Mission—salary of pastor		370 87
To interest on Richmond debt		121 43
To Fitzgerald lot investment account		50 00
To Newport News, Va., investment account		2000 00
To cash returned on Board loan of $2,500, made April 9, 1895		1500 00
To amount of pledges Virginia Synod for Newport News, now returned to Foreign Fund		415 00
To amount of special contribution to balance loan of Board in 1895		1609 50
To ¾ of all current expenses, including the traveling expenses of President and Secretary to Board meetings, synods, and mission points, railroad fare (in part) of members of Board to its meeting, missionary literature, and reports, stationery, etc		311 77
Balance in treasury, May 1, 1900		336 12
Total	$	18690 56

ATLANTA FUND.

To contributions received for building church in Atlanta, Ga			$	634 35
To cash paid Foreign Fund for $600 city Charleston, S. C., bonds at present market value	$	630 00		
Balance in treasury to this fund		4 35		
	$	634 35	$	634 35

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

From May 1, 1898, to May 1, 1900.

By balance on hand at closing of books, May 1, 1898	$ 2618 75
By transfer of Mr. Samuel Crickenberger's bequest from home account	285 00
By contributions in past two years, which includes all regular contributions from synods, missionary societies, and Sunday Schools, and all special contributions from all sources for the education and support of native ministers and helpers, rentals of chapels, and purchases of literature. This item includes also the collections of $93.97 by Rev. C. L. Brown in his visits to the churches in America	7773 63
By cash for Charleston bonds from the Atlanta Fund	630 00
By amount from Virginia Synod on its special pledges to return Newport News loan	415 00
By interest on the Geo. F. Miller legacy	60 00
By bequest of Mr. J. Abr. Miller for building a church in Saga	200 00
By special contribution of five persons for a church in Saga	9 00
Total	$11991 38

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To ¼ salary Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary	$ 600 00
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance of Rev. R. B. Peery, paid to July 1, 1900	2365 00
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance of Rev. C. L. Brown, to July 1, 1900	2109 37
To amount forwarded for building "Miller Memorial" Church in Saga, which includes the three special contributions for this purpose	839 00
To salaries and educational allowances for native ministers, evangelists, and students, rentals of chapels and dwellings, house repairs, furniture, traveling expenses, insurance and taxes in Japan, to July 1, 1900	2358 04
To outfit and traveling expenses of Rev. C. L. Brown to the congregations in America and to Japan	662 68
To amount loaned Home Fund for purchase of church at Newport News on special pledges of Virginia Synod	2000 00
To ¼ of the current expenses in the administration of the Board in America	103 92
To cash balance in treasury, May 1, 1900	953 37
Total	$11991 38

ASSETS.

Note of Richmond Mission	$ 1000 00
Mortgage on Trinity Church, Augusta, Ga	2500 00
Mortgage on St. John's Church, Knoxville, Tenn	4000 00
Mortgage on Augsburg Church, Winston, N. C	4000 00
Mortgage on First Church, Norfolk, Va	3000 00
Mortgage on Reformation Church, Greeneville, Tenn	300 00
Deed for Fitzgerald, Ga., lot	50 00
Mortgage on Trinity Church, Newport News	2000 00
City Charleston, S. C., 4 per cent. bonds (dne Atlanta Fund) par value	600 00

J. E. COOPER, *Treasurer.*

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are made by the Board for the approval of this body:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the synods belonging to this body, for Foreign Missions, the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the synods belonging to this body, for Home Missions, the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerihgs be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

RESUME - GRATIFYING PROGRESS.

This biennium closes with much to be thankful for in our work Comparing the needs of the mission as stated in our last report with what has been accomplished during these two years, the fulfilment of our plans is striking. With two additional missionaries, the organization of the Saga congregation, the ordination of two native pastors, the opening of stations in Kurume and Kumamoto, the planning of a church edifice in Saga, and the work done in Ogi, Kubota, and Wakatsu—the work in Japan shows substantial progress. Our hearts should be full of gratitude to our God for the favor and blessing attending our work. The Lord has given us his blessing, and we should be inspired in full faith in the riches of his promises to assume gladly our responsibilities and enter joyfully the "open doors" which he gives us in our Japan field. Let us all be assured that our God has given us this work—that he leads and blesses

us in it, and thus his favor increases our responsibility in spreading his kingdom in Japan.

OUR NEEDS.

In the report from the field, the needs of the work are clearly stated. The mission needs tangible being. This will be accomplished:

1. By the erection of the Miller Memorial in Saga. The plan of the Board is to make Saga and the Saga congregation the center of our Church work. From there our work must radiate in every direction, to all the surrounding cities and villages. The power of a truly organized congregation and church home in Saga will be felt in every direction.

2. Homes for our missionaries, owned and controlled by the Board. One should be in Saga, one in Kurume, and one in Kumamoto. This should be accomplished in the next biennium. The Board has already adopted plans to secure the one for Saga. Reports of the Board for the past years show how heavy the expense has been in renting and repairing Japanese houses for our missionaries. It would be a wise financial policy, involving a great economy, to have our own houses, as well as adding greatly to the comfort of our brethren in Japan. Before the Japanese it would give our mission substantiality.

3. More missionaries for the promising outlook. Remembering the contingencies incident to the missionary's health, the Church ought not to be satisfied with three men in the field. Japan to-day needs every man that can be sent for her evangelization, was the consensus of opinion of every speaker discussing the topic before the late great Ecumenical Conference in New York. To do our work earnestly as the Lord gives us privilege, in calling the unbelieving, in edifying believers, and in training native pastors, the labor of more than three men is needed for our field.

4. The Home need is greater consecration to this work of the Master. Devotion of our money to this holy service is the supreme privilege of the home churches. Looking at our Treasurer's report for the past two years, there is a lamentable need of an awakening. To measure our interest in keeping the last command of the Saviour by the offerings reported, would indicate a feeb e love among our churches and people for publishing the Gospel to all men.

CONCLUSION.

We present this report for your careful and prayerful consideration. Much will be found, both at home and in Japan, to encourage and stimulate, and not a little to awaken a sense of unworthy stewardship. The Board has earnestly attempted to do the best it could with the means at its command. That more has not been done can be attributed to the fact

that our treasury has been so inadequately aided. With privilege ever before us—with devotion to the Church of our fathers impelling to more aggressive effort—during these two years much has been left undone, which should have been done, and our hearts have yearned to do, simply because our funds could not be made to answer all demands. We return our trust to this body, praying that the love of Christ and for men may deeply quicken us in this blessed work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH.
W. L. SEABROOK.
L. G. M. MILLER.
J. P. STIREWALT.
G. M. BELTZHOOVER.
J. A. ALAXANDER.
J. E. COOPER.

Winston, N. C., May 16, 1900.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read and referred to committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Theological Seminary of the United Synod has been in successful operation at Mount Pleasant, Charleston, during the two years intervening between this and the last meeting of the United Synod, under the presidency of Rev. Prof. J. A. Morehead. He has been ably assisted in class-room work during all this time by Revs. K. Boldt, J. W. Horine, Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D. and Prof. F. Muench, Ph. D. During the session of 1898–99 there were six students in attendance, and during the session of 1899-1900 thirteen. There was one gradute last session, and there will be one this session.

The seminary property at Mount Pleasant donated by the good people of Charleston and Mount Pleasant has been by a further expenditure on their part of twenty-five hundred dollars handsomely adapted to seminary uses, and our students enjoy exceptional comfort and convenience at a minimum cost. The property is deeded in favor of the United Synod, and is estimated to be worth at least fifteen thousand dollars. The president of the seminary, unanimously elected by the Board of Directors July 27, 1898, has shown eminent fitness for the responsible office, and the successful work of the seminary during the past two years in its new home has vindicated the wisdom of the United Synod in its action taken at Newberry May 1898, whereby it was firmly resolved to perpetuate the existence of this institution as the Theological Seminary of the United

Synod. The divine guidance which has marked this institution in the past is unmistakably vouchsafed unto it in the present, and the increasing interest of our Southern Church is a prophecy of even greater results in the years to come.

The Board of Directors elected at your last convention entered at once upon the discharge of the responsible trust committed to it, and organized by the election of Dr. Henry S. Wingard president and Robert C. Holland vice president, Geo B. Cromer secretary, and Henry S. Trout treasurer. It held its first meeting in Newberry May 16, 1898, and undertook to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. A. G. Voigt by electing Dr. Louis Baugher, and authorized the secretary to advertise for bids for the future location of the seminary.

The second meeting of the board was held at Columbia, S. C., July 27, 1898. A letter from Dr. Louis Baugher was read declining the call extended on the ground of failing health. Bids for the location of the seminary were offered from Charlotte, New Brookland, Columbia, Newberry and Mount Pleasant, Charleston. The bid of last named was accepted and the seminary located at Mount Pleasant, S. C., and arrangements were projected to open the institution at that place in October, 1898. Thereupon Rev. J. A. Morehead was unanimously elected president and first professor, and the work of the second professorship was authorized to be distributed among the Charleston pastors, or such of them as should consent to teach in the seminary, and Dr. F. Muench, and the secretary was instructed to give notice that the additional assessment authorized by United Synod at its last convention will not be required.

The executive committee and Mr. J. D Cappelmann were directed to have executed in proper form the transfer of the property of Mount Pleasant and prepare the same for occupancy.

The executive committee held two meetings at Mount Pleasant, at the first of which, September 6, 1898, Rev. J. A. Morehead's letter of acceptance was read, and a formal entry was made recognizing him as chairman of the faculty and professor of systematic theology, and the president of the board was authorized to receive from Prof. Morehead and the other instructors the affirmation required by the constitution.

Dr. H. S. Wingard, president of the Board of Directors, and Prof. Morehead were appointed a committee to confer with Dr. Muench and the pastors of the Lutheran Churches in Charleston and secure their services as instructors in the seminary, if possible, and to judiciously distribute the work of the second professorship. Thereupon Revs. K. Boldt, J. W. Horine, James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D , and Dr. Muench became regular instructors in the seminary and together with Rev. J. A. Morehead were regularly inaugurated in their respective positions November 1898, each making the affirmation required by the constitution.

At a second meeting of the executive committee held at the seminary building May 30, 1899, a certificate of graduation was granted Mr. W. W. J. Ritchie and the closing exercises of the first session of the seminary at Mount Pleasant were held, the address to the students being delivered by the president of the board, Dr. Henry S. Wingard.

At this meeting there was constituted a local auxiliary committee, consisting of Prof. J. A. Morehead, J. D. Cappelmann, John F. Ficken, Carsten Wulburn, Herman Klotte, A. G. L. Landon and S. H. Wilson to cooperate with the Board of Directors in looking after the interests of the seminary, and the result has been so satisfactory as to call for the continuation of the arrangement.

At a meeting of the board held May 16th inst. Prof. Morehead presented his annual report, which is submitted as a part of this report and with the request of the board that it be printed in the Minutes of Synod. An abstract from his first annual report, embracing the course of study, is also submitted herewith for publication in the Minutes of the Synod.

It is doubtful whether the present provisional arrangement for supplying the work of the second professorship can be continued, and the board recommends, therefore, that you authorize it to make such arrangement for extra teaching force for the next two years as to it may seem best.

It is the estimate of the board that if the district synods pay their annual apportionments for the seminary, as they now stand, no additional assessment will be required for the next year. The board recommends that Synod renew its earnest request that the district synods meet their apportionments fully and promptly.

The board has not found it feasible hitherto to put in operation a plan for the endowment of the Theological Seminary, in pursuance of instructions given at the meeting of Synod, May 1898, but it is now deemed opportune to begin the endowment movement and the board is ready to submit a plan for the consideration of Synod.

The report of the treasurer of the Seminary Fund accompanies this report and it is requested that it be printed in the Minutes of the Synod. From this report it appears that the amount of the fund in cash and securities is $5,799.34. The Hon. H. S. Trout, who has rendered faithful and efficient service as treasurer for many years, has resigned the office, and upon his urgent request his resignation has been accepted.

R. C. HOLLAND, *President.*

GEO. B. CRGMER, *Secretary.*

The following Plan for the Endowment of the Theological Seminary was read by Rev. R. C. Holland, President of the Board of Directors:

PLAN FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

By virtue of the action of the United Synod at its fifth convention, whereby there was devolved upon the Board of Directors the duty of providing for the endowment of our Theological Seminary, said Board has felt called upon to take this matter into very serious consideration. The location of the Seminary in a permanent and commodious home of its own, at Mount Pleasant, Charleston, and the propriety of signalizing the opening of the twentieth century by some suitable memorial of our gratitude to God for His gracious care and signal blessings bestowed upon our Church during the century now drawing to a close, make it our present duty to submit for consideration to this convention of the United Synod a scheme for raising an endowment fund for our Theological Seminary. We, therefore, respectfully submit the following as an outline of the scheme:

1. That Synod attempt to raise under this plan at least $30,000 of the amount of $50,000 decided upon by the Synod in its past action.

2. That the Endowment Fund shall be known as the Twentieth Century Memorial Fund.

3. The characteristic principles to be impressed upon this century movement are the following:

a. The gifts are to be thank-offerings for Divine blessings upon us as individuals and upon our churches during the century just closing.

b. The gifts look forward upon the new century as a contribution toward a necessary equipment of our Church in the South to meet the claims and exigencies of the twentieth century, and as an expression of a sense of our sacred responsibility as stewards of the grace of God in behalf of the generation to follow.

c. The gifts are to be considered as free-will offerings, and in no sense as assessments.

d. The enrollment as contributors of every communicant member and all the baptized children of our churches.

e. That this century memorial be considered as an opportunity (especially to those individuals whom the Lord has prospered in temporal and spiritual things) to render lasting benefit in a cause vitally connected with the welfare of our beloved Zion.

4. That a committee on behalf of the Board of Directors, to be known as the Century Memorial Committee, be organized and directed to proceed at once to bring this movement prominently before the synods, conferences, and churches, and inaugurate such measures as may be needful to secure in cash and subscriptions the sum of $50 000 before the close of the year 1901.

5. That an auxiliary committee of three members, to be known as Synodical Memorial Committee, be constituted in each synod, to co-operate with the central committee in carrying forward this movement, and that said Synodical Committee be designated by the synodical delegations now in attendance upon the United Synod.

6. That all subscriptions under ten dollars shall be payable within twelve months from date of the same; those of ten dollars, within one and two years; those of fifteen dollars, within one, two, and three years; and all sums of $20 and over, shall be payable one-fourth annually within four years. Bonds may be cashed at any time at a discount, on deferred payments, of six per cent. per annum.

7. Roll books, suitably arranged and containing proper information for solicitors, shall be furnished each pastor, in which shall be inscribed the names and addresses of all contributors, the same to form the material for a memorial volume to be issued under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

8. That our pastors, upon whom the success of this century movement so largely depends, are earnestly requested to co-operate promptly with the central and synodical committees, that all our churches, enlisted heartily in this great campaign in behalf of Christian education, may move together along advance unto greater consciousness of power for service in behalf of a great cause, and unto higher spiritual attainments.

9. The central committee is entrusted to devise and execute such additional regulations as may be found necessary in carrying out the plan above outlined.

10. The Treasurer of the Board of Directors shall have charge of all funds collected under this endowment movement, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors.

The paper was received, to be considered by items immediately after the reception of the Official Visitor from the General Council.

Prof. J. C. Clewel, of the Salem Female Academy, was introduced, and the privilege of the floor of Synod was accorded him. Prof. Clewel extended a very cordial invitation to the members of Synod to attend a special exercise at the Seminary at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The invitation was accepted by unanimous vote.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. H. Kohn.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 3 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. M. O. J. Kreps.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. S. T. Hallman appeared, and was recognized as delegate from the Synod of South Carolina instead of Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, alternate.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, Official Visitor to the General Council, read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

At the last meeting of the United Synod the undersigned was appointed its Official Visitor to the General Council, with Rev. S. S. Rahn, alternate. I ask leave to submit my report.

The last meeting of the General Council took place in Chicago, in September, 1899. I regret that it was impracticable both for me and the alternate to attend this convention, and therefore I had to discharge my commission by letter. The minutes of this recent convention indicate increasing activity in a constantly widening sphere of work, and also a strengthening of the fraternal ties between the General Council and this body. In order to make these bonds still stronger, the Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass, so well and favorably known among us, has been sent as Official Visitor to this convention to bring to us the greetings of the General Body, to which he now belongs, and is now present with us.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.

The Committee on Tender of Elizabeth College reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE TENDER OF ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

Your committee appointed at last Convention of the United Synod (see p. 63, Min. 1898) to take under consideration the tender to this body of Elizabeth College made by the Board of Directors of same, would respectfully submit the following report:

1. The papers placed in our hands are a deed of conveyace to this body of the entire property of Elizabeth College, estimated at $90,000, and also a document emanating from the Board of Directors of the college, making

a formal tender of the college to this body. This last named paper is in terms as follows:

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 10, 1898.

To the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the South:

DEAR BRETHREN: Since the last Convention of your Body it has been our pleasure and privilege in the providence of God and with the co-operation and assistance of friends of our own faith and others, to found and establish in the City of Charlotte a College for the higher education of Young Women.

As sent out in an announcement by us through the church papers to our people—a copy of which is hereto attached:

1. We secured an excellent site of twenty acres in the suburbs of Charlotte, raised funds, and erected a college building of the most approved architecture, modern equipment, and were blessed with a most auspicious opening in the fall of 1897.

2. We secured and have maintained up to this time a representative faculty that has, we feel sure, commended itself to the approval of the entire Southern Church (our catalogue shows the character of the work and the grade of the institution).

3. We have as yet been unable to secure any endowments, though we have received some donations.

4. Without going into details as to the labor, responsibility and anxiety which we have undergone and experienced in bringing about the above mentioned results,—due largely to continued business depression (and other causes), and on account of the great expense of equipping and furnishing the school with heating and lighting apparatus, drainage and water supplies, laundry, furniture, culinary department, etc., together with the expense of beautifying the grounds and approaches in keeping with the elegant buildings,—it is only necessary to mention the facts that in order to finish the building and open the school without delay, we were compelled to apply to the Legislature of North Carolina for a charter to form a corporation, and to bond the property, etc., funds to complete it, and this indebtedness the Synod would have to assume in taking the property at this time. The plant, with site, equipments, improvements and furnishings, are, we consider, worth the sum of ninety-thousand dollars (the improvements costing some $70,000, and the site being valued at $20,000). The charter is a very liberal one, granting all of the powers and privileges usually exercised by and conferred upon high grade institutions. We hold ourselves ready to give the Synod, through its committee, full and detailed information in regard to the status of the College. The stockholders of the College Company have kindly agreed to offer the property to Synod upon the conditions below mentioned—thus donating all they have therein, if this tender is accepted.

5. We herewith tender to Synod a deed, grant and conveyance of all the property, real and personal, of the College Company—including site, improvements, equipments, furniture, fixtures and easements—subject to the encumbrances aforesaid—with a view of carrying out the announcement made to the Church, and with a full and free desire that the Synod shall have the control of the institution, the deed to be delivered upon compliance upon the Synod's part with the conditions and stipulations set forth in said announcement, and upon its agreeing to assume the trusts and carry on the institution as indicated. The Synod is at liberty to accept the property at this time, or to submit the whole matter to a committee to be by it appointed with power to report at its next Convention.

II. The committee, whose names are hereto annexed, met in Charlotte November 7, 1898, and after a thorough examination of the property named in the deed, together with the papers referred to us, and after conference with the Board of Directors of the College, agreed upon the following as expressive of their united judgement in the premises, and submit the same for the information of the United Synod.

1. The estimated value of the property at the time of the tender was made was $90,000. Since that time equipments and improvements have been added, and the property has advanced in price to such an extent that it is at present estimated as worth at least $100,000.

2. The equipment of the College is fully up to the standard named in the paper submitted to the Synod, and we find that the Institution by its merits has established an enviable reputation in the city of Charlotte as a college for higher education of women, and furthermore that it fully sustains the claim presented in its catalogues and circulars.

3. We are convinced, upon conference with the Board of Directors, that the tender is made by them in good faith, and that they desire the College to be under the direction of the United Synod.

4. We were gratified to find the College distinctively Lutheran; that all the Directors are members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church; that the Book of Worship is used in chapel service, and that there is a large representation of Lutheran girls from the various sections of our Southern Church, and that the Institution is carried on in the interest of the Lutheran Church.

III. Your Committee, while heartily commending the College and the Christian enterprise which has given to our Church such a great Institution, and the spirit of church devotion which has prompted such a generous gift to the United Synod, have, however, felt constrained to hesitate to recommend that the United Synod should, at this present time, take upon itself the responsibilities involved in an acceptance of the liberal offer made by the Directors, and for the following reasons:

1. We believe that better results to the College will accrue, for the present at least, under the existing management by a Board peculiarly interested in its success, than by a Board acting under appointment of United Synod; and that a change at this time would be prejudicial rather than otherwise to the welfare of the College which has attained in so short a time to such marked success.

2. We fear that the United Synod might not be able fully and faithfully to meet the responsibilities involved in an acceptance of the tender made. While we are convinced that a great opportunity is presented to us; namely, the offer of a well equipped institution of wide reputation and great promise for the future, accompanied by a gift of more than $50,000,—it is a matter of deep regret that we cannot recommend a prompt acceptance for fear that the United Synod cannot in justice to existing obligations and claims assume the financial responsibilities attending the ownership of Elizabeth College.

IV. We are convinced, however, that the United Synod cannot afford to take such action at this time as can be construed into a rejection of the tender of an institution so worthy of our endorsement and fostering care; and that it is due to the synod as well as to the interest of higher Christian education of the daughters of the Church that she encourage as far as it may lie in her power this queenly daughter seeking ecclesiastical adoption at their hands.

Therefore be it

Resolved, That this United Synod feels a just pride in having within its bounds a College like Elizabeth, and heartily commends this College for women to the confidence, prayers, and patronage of the Church, and puts upon record its high appreciation and sympathetic recognition of the liberality and exalted aim of those brethren and friends who have given us an institution so creditable, not only to our Southern Church, but to the Lutheran Church at large.

Resolved, That this United Synod desires to cherish in the meantime a co-operative relation with Elizabeth College, and as an expression of its interest in the institution, and appreciation of the benefit accruing to the Church through the maintenance of the same, this body will appoint at each convention a visitor to the College, who shall attend annually its commencement exercises, and confer with the Board of Directors of the College, if so desired by said Board, and present a report at each convention of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HOLLAND.
A. P. RHYNE.
J. D. CAPPELMANN.

May 16, 1900.

On motion, the report was received for consideration by items.

At half-past three o'clock Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D., was introduced to Synod as the Official Visitor from the General Council. Dr. Repass, in a very cordial manner, conveyed the fraternal greetings of that body to this, speaking of the work of the General Council, particularly of its efforts to provide a suitable Sunday School literature for the Lutheran Church, and congratulating the United Synod upon the success with which it is prosecuting its own work. The President made an appropriate response, extending to Dr. Repass, in the name of the Synod, a hearty welcome.

The Plan of Endowment of the Theological Seminary, reported at this morning's session, was taken up and considered by items.

Pending discussion of item 1, Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. P. Boozer.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Moser. The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of Synod. Rev. M. G. G. Scherer was recognized as delegate in his stead.

On motion, the collection taken last night ($17.06), together with other collections to be taken, was ordered to be turned over to the Treasurer for the several objects for which the collections respectively are taken.

Synod resumed consideration of the Plan of Endowment of the Theological Seminary.

Item 1 was adopted as amended.

Item 2 was adopted.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 3 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Greever.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Rev. R. C. Holland was appointed provisional treasurer to receive funds of Synod and turn the same over to Treasurer Duls.

The following were excused from attendance upon the sessions of Synod after to-day: Revs. C. B. Miller, J. B. Greever, and Messrs. L. H. Copenhaver, E. L. Greever, R. L. Kime.

The President appointed the following Committee to Nominate a Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary: Revs. L. A. Fox, Geo. H. Cox, and Col. Jno. F. Ficken.

Synod resumed consideration of the Plan of Endowment of the Theological Seminary.

Items 3 to 10 inclusive were adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

In compliance with item 5 of the above report, the following auxiliary committees were appointed:

For the North Carolina Synod—Rev. Geo. H. Cox, Mr. Andrew Smith, Mr. H. A. Klueppelberg.

For the Tennessee Synod—Revs. C. L. Miller, J. F. Deal, A. L. Boleik.

For the South Carolina Synod—Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Pres. Geo. B. Cromer, Col. Jno. F. Ficken.

For the Virginia Synod—Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. E. L. Folk, Mr. H. L. Snyder.

For the Southwest Virginia Synod—Revs. Paul Seig, Chas. K. Bell, W. H. Greever.

For the Georgia Synod—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Messrs. Jacob Paulsen, J. M. Gnann.

For the Holston Synod—Rev. Noah Bible, Jacob Wolford, Esq., Mr. L. E. Williams.

For the Mississippi Synod—Revs. H. E. H. Sloop, J. R. Howorth and Mr. U. B. White.

The Committee on Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was received and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. The report placed in our hands contains a lucid and interesting record of the successful operation of the Seminary in its new and commodious home at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., and takes note of the manifest guidance of providence in its perpetuation. It also presents an account of the action of the board in its various meetings during the last two years, and contains several recommendations. We recommend that this report of the Board be printed in full in the Minutes of this Convention.

2. As an appendix to its report the Board presents the annual report of President Morehead and an outline of the present course of study with the request that both be printed in the Minutes of Synod. We recommend that this be done.

3. In view of the uncertainty of the continuation of the present provisional arrangement for supplying the work of the second professorship the Board recommends that it be authorized to make such arrangement for extra teaching force for the next two years as to it may seem best. We recommend that this be approved.

4. It further appears from the report that the present annual apportionments for the Seminary are adequate for present demands. We recommend that you approve the recommendation of the Board, that Synod renew its earnest request that the district synods meet their apportionments fully and promptly.

5. It is not necessary for this Committee to make any suggestion in regard to the endowing of the Seminary, as that subject already lies before Synod.

6. The Board requests that the report of the treasurer of the Seminary Fund be printed in the Minutes of Synod. We recommend that this be done.

7. The report of the Board informs us that the Hon. H. S. Trout, after long and efficient service, has resigned as treasurer and that his resignation has been accepted. Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
R. A. YODER.
C. B. MILLER.
W. J. SMITH.
B. T. WISE.
H. S. TROUT.

Report of the President of the Theological Seminary.

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary:

In obedience to your request through the Chairman of your honorable body, I beg leave to make the following report of the work thus far accomplished during the current session:

1. The assisting teaching force, as last year composed of Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., Rev. Karl Boldt, and Prof. F. Muench, Ph. D., has done regular and faithful work. The service rendered by these brethren has involved much self-sacrifice, and both the Church and the institution owe a debt of gratitude to them for their timely assistance. It is respectfully recommended that at least $25 be appropriated to each of the four instructors to meet their necessary expenses. While it is not deemed just that these gentlemen should be urged, under present conditions, to continue to give so much of time and labor to teaching in the Seminary, I beg leave to suggest the wisdom of making every proper effort to secure their continuance in some measure in the teaching force as more permanently constituted in the future.

2. The course of instruction has been maintained as organized last year. While convinced of the necessity of a complete theological culture by means of a comprehensive curriculum, we are profoundly impressed with the importance of training a ministry to become practical and consecrated as well as scholarly. To this end a weekly conference is conducted for the discussion of practical questions and special emphasis is laid upon the use of means of religious preparation. It is a pleasure to be able to state that there has been during the session gratifying manifestations of a genuine spirit of piety throughout the student body.

3. Thirteen students have been in attendance during the session. They are classified as follows: Senior class, one; Middle class, three; Junior class, nine. Three of the students are from the Tennessee Synod; two, from the Southwest Virginia Synod; four, from the North Carolina Synod; three, from the South Carolina Synod, and one, from the Georgia Synod. In the student body of the Seminary. Roanoke College has two graduates; North Corolina College, four; Newberry College, seven. The health of the students has been good. They have shown earnestness, faithfulness and encouraging progress in their studies. There are evidences here of growing ability for usefulness in the service of the Church. Mr. F. K. Roof, of the Senior class, has already accepted a call, under proper conditions, to the Newton Pastorate of the North Catolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod. We have received six applications from vacant pastorates which we were unable to answer favorably. Several of the lower classmen have been engaged as summer supplies The outlook for new students next session is good.

4. The practical problem of supplying necessary beneficiary aid, in the absence of endowed scholarships, has been happily solved by the beneficence of synods, congregations and individuals of the Southern Church. From all sources, just $1,000 have been contributed and expended for this purpose in the Seminary during the present session. The Special

Benefiary Aid and Scholarship Fund has been the means of supporting one student for two sessions. It is deserving of special remark that the Ladies' Society of a single congregation, St. John's, Charleston, S. C., has alone supported three students this session at the Seminary. It is a cause of devout thankfulness to God that our Southern Church has been led to the courageous bearing of her own burdens in obedience to her Lord's command that she send forth more laborers. The future here may be trusted to God and the consecrated development of our people.

5. The Reading Room and Library have constantly improved in extent and utility. The Reading Room numbers about forty periodicals upon its lists. The library has increased to over fifteen hundred volumes. The fact that our books mainly come from the working libraries of pastors will suggest its great practical value to the students. The names of donors to the library, etc., will be enumerated in the forthcoming catalogue of the Seminary. The large contributions of these two features of the institution to its scholarly atmosphere and distinctive life are so generally recognized, that it becomes unnecessary to emphasize the importance of the constant addition of books—new and old—to the present collection.

6. The Local Auxiliary Committee, composed of Col. John F. Ficken, chairman; Hon. J. D. Cappe'mann, secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. Samuel H. Wilson, C. Wulbern, Herman Klotte and August G. Lunden, has rendered invaluable assistance in bringing the Theological Seminary to a working basis in its new home. In addition to the payment of the original purchase price of the property, the Lutherans of Mt Pleasant and Charleston through the efforts of your energetic committee have made important improvements. The main building has been modified and adapted within and without to its new purpose. The first floor has a reception room, chapel, reading room, library, and three recitation rooms. The second floor has thirteen rooms for dormitories, also lavatories with hot and cold water. A refectory, which is a neat two-story frame building 20x30 feet, with storerooms and kitchen adjoining, has been erected near the main building. The second floor of this house is occupied by a married student who conducts the boarding department of the Seminary, thus bringing the living expenses of the students down to the minimum. The kitchen has been completely furnished by the committee. Two cisterns and a well have been provided as the sources of an ample water supply. These improvements have been made at a total cash cost of $2,851.84 and all bills for the same have been paid in full. Among the many instances of large liberality, should be mentioned the gift of $1,000 by Mr. J. C. H. Claussen, of St. Johannes' Church, Charleston, S. C., whose timely assistance did much to render these improvements possible. The property of the

Theological Seminary as it now stands is valued at from $10,000 to $15,000. Truly a notable gift to the United Synod deserving the unstinted gratitude of the entire Church.

In order that the cause of the Theological Seminary may in the future have the advantage of such valuable counsel and aid, it is recommended that the Local Auxiliary Committee be requested to continue its being and service under the direction of your honorable body.

7. The furnishing of the refectory, dormitories and studies has been undertaken by private solicitation on account of the known limitation of the means at the command of your treasurer. Six chambers, five studies and the refectory have been provided with substantial furniture at a cost of $534.51. The furniture for a chamber costs $50; that for a study $25. The following have contributed to this fund, or have engaged to do so:

A lady of St. John's, Charleston, S. C	$50.00
St. Andrew's Church, Charleston, S. C.	50.00
Fraenverein St. Matthew's, Charleston, S. C.	50.00
St. Paul's Church, Mt. Pleasant, S. C.	75.00
St. Mark's Church, Charlotte, N. C.	50.00
Orangeburg Conference S. C. Synod	50.00
Joint Conference S. C. and Tenn. Synods	25.00
Mr. John Wulbern, Charleston, S. C.	20.00
Mr. J. H. C. Wulbern, Charleston, S. C.	25.00
Lutheran Church, Summerville, S. C.	3.47
St. James', Concord, N. C. (paid in part)	50.00
The Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga. (promised)	75.00
Total received and promised	$528.47

When these last two items shall have been paid to the fund, there will yet remain the small balance of $6.04. Other dormitories remain to be furnished, so the opportunity to serve the cause in this way is still open, especially as additional rooms will probably be in demand at the beginning of another session. The library is incompletely furnished, while chapel and reception room are entirely bare as yet. But a chapel furnishing fund amounting to $44 is growing in bank

8. The financial burdens incident to the creation of a local habitation for the Theological Seminary have been very great The special demands of the pioneer stage in the material development of the institution have been nobly responded to by the Church God has richly blessed the enterprise both in the supply of means and in the supply of students. But the cramping need of means is still strongly felt. Our Seminary should have constant enlargement commensurate with the increasing requirements of the age, the demands of the field and the growth of the Church. Our Southern country is developing in population, industrial

enterprise and general educational facilities. The Seminary of Theology dare not be neglected if we are to maintain the source of religious life, thought, literature and laborers. The prime necessities of the institution are (a) increased endowment, (b) a second full professor, and (c) further improvements and equipments. The evidences of growing appreciation of the cause of theological education throughout our bounds, the progress already made, and the necessities of the Church, all urge a forward movement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD, *President.*

May 14, 1900.

Course of Study in Theological Seminary.

[EXTRACT FROM PROF. MOREHEAD'S REPORT, 1899.]

The subjects and text books on lectures were as follows: I. Rev. K. Boldt, instructor—Isagogics, Junior and Middle Classes, 1 hour per week, introduction to N. T. Books in Lutheran Commentary, and lectures. Exegesis, all classes, 2½ hours per week; Westcott and Hort's Greek N. T.

II. Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., instructor—Sacred History and Geography, Junior Class 1 hour per week; Outline of Jewish History, by F. E. Gizot; maps. Ancient and Mediæval Church History, Junior and Senior (on review) Classes, 2 hours per week; Church History by J. H. Kurtz, D. D.

III. Prof. F. Muench, Ph. D., instructor—Modern Church History, Middle and Senior (on review) Classes, 3 hours per week, Kurtz's Church History. German, all classes, 2 hours per week, Koestlin's Life of Luther, German Bible and German hymns.

IV. J. A. Morehead, professor—Apologetics, Junior Class, 2 hours per week, traditional evidences—Horne's Introduction, with supplementary lectures and modern evidences—Stearn's Evidence of Christian Experience; Dogmatics Junior, Middle and Senior Classes, 2 hours per week each, Schmid as text-book, with supplementary lectures based upon constant reference to Holy Scripture, Hutter's Compendium, Jacob's Elements of Religion, Luthard's Kompendium der Dogmatik and the Book of Concord. The present plan is to cover Schmid to "The States of Christ" the first year; to finish the volume the second year; to review the whole the third year, with special studies of the Confessions, Christian Ethics, Middle and Senior Classes, 2 hours per week; Weidner's Ethics, Encyclopedia of Theology, Junior Class, 2 hours per week, lectures and dictation, on basis of Weidner and Hagenbach; O. T. Theology; Senior Class, 1 hour per week; Oehler's History of Doctrines, Senior class, 1 hour per week; Fisher's symbolics, Senior Class, 1 hour per week; W J. Mann's notes, Pastoral Theology, Senior Class, 1 hour per week; Horn's The

Evangelical Pastor. Extra recitations on most of these subjects were substituted as occasion offered. All classes, 1 hour per week, studies in English Bible.

V. Rev. J. W. Horine, instructor—Homiletics, Seniors and Middlers, 2 hours per week; Juniors, 1 hour per week, Lectures and dictation, Catechetics; Middle and Senior Classes, 1 hour per week, lectures and dictation. Hebrew, all class, 2 hours per week, A. B. Davidson's An Introductory Hebrew Grammar.

Report of Treasurer of Theological Seminary.

H. S. TROUT, Treasurer, In Account with Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, from May 10, 1898, to October 1, 1899:

RECEIPTS.

1898.			
May	10	—To balance due this date	$3099 34
Aug.	18	2 years' interest on $2,000, Virginia Synod	240 00
Nov.	21	Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
Dec.	5	3 years' interest on $750 note, S. W. Davis	135 00
	17	Virginia Synod, account assessment	52 05
	28	Holston Synod, account assessment	25 00
1899.			
Jan.	7	Georgia Synod, account assessment	25 00
	16	Southwest Virginia Synod, account assessment	48 40
	23	Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
Feb.	25	Virginia Synod, account assessment	52 05
April	25	Georgia Synod, account assessment	20 00
May	4	Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
	10	Interest sundry inv.	177 02
June	10	Amount North Carolina Synod, J. D. Heilig, Treas.	115 18
	10	Hon. C. M. Efird, Tennessee Synod	10 00
July	10	Virginia Synod	114 13
Aug.	17	Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
	19	Holston Synod	17 00
	19	Southwest Virginia Synod	151 60
	19	1 year's interest on $2,000, Virginia Synod	120 00
Sept.	19	Amount Georgia Synod	8 00
			$5009 77

DISBURSEMENTS.

1898.			
Aug.	1	—By Rev. A. G. Voigt	$ 200 00
	1	Expenses Board Directors	109 27

Sept.	12	Rev. R. C. Holland and G. B. Cromer, expenses . .	15 92
	16	Rev. H. S. Wingard, expenses	10 60
Oct.	20	John D. Cappelmann, rep'r'g and furnishing Seminary	100 00
	24	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account expenses	38 51
Nov.	14	Taxes Barrier property, Salem, Va	6 44
	21	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
Dec.	22	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	100 00
	28	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	25 00
1899.			
Jan.	7	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	25 00
	23	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
Feb.	25	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	52 05
April	4	Paid insurance Seminary buildings	30 00
	26	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	97 95
May	4	Rev. J. A. Mosehead, account salary	150 00
June	5	Rev. R. C. Holland, expenses	10 60
	10	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	115 18
	10	Walker, Evans & Cogswell	7 00
July	10	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	114 13
Aug.	17	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
	19	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	70 89
Sept.	3	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer	25 00
	19	Rev. H. S. Wingard, account	8 00
	19	Rev. H. S. Wingard, account	2 60
	29	Rev. J. W. Horine	25 00
	29	Rev. K. Boldt	25 00
Oct.	1	Balance in hands of Treasurer	3195 63
			$5009 77

From October 1, 1899 to May 17, 1900:

RECEIPTS.

1899.			
Oct.	1	—To balance in hands of Treasurer	$3195 63
Nov.	4	Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
	14	Amouut South Carolina Synod	100 47
	22	Georgia Synod	53 40
Dec.	29	Church of the Redeemer, Newberry, S. C	10 00
	30	Interest S. W. Davis	43 73
	30	Amount South Carolina Synod	50 00
1900.			
Jan.	2	Interest on sundry inv., to January 1, 1900	92 97
	15	Amount Virginia Synod, assessment	68 75

	20	St. Mark's Church, South Carolina Synod	6 75
	25	Amount Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Treasurer	150 00
April	5	Amount St. Luke's, Newberry, S. C	3 50
	11	Grace Church, Prosperity, S. C	20 00
	12	Mt. Olive Church, Newberry, S. C	3 87
	16	Amount Otto Tiedeman, Jr., Trersurer	150 00
	24	Southwest Virginia Synod	40 00
	26	St. Paul's, Wilmington, N. C	14 80
	28	Georgia Synod	25 00
May	9	North Carolina Synod	317 55
	10	Virginia Synod	68 75
	11	St. Matthew's, Augusta, Ga	20 00
	11	St. Nicholas	3 00
	11	Ebenezer, Columbia	14 00
	11	Colony, Newberry County	5 00
	11	Beth Eden	3 00
	11	Cnurch of the Redeemer	10 00
	11	Mt. Hermon, Peak, S. C	3 00
	11	Pine Grove	9 00
	11	Mt. Lebanon	10 00
	11	St. Matthew's, Orangeburg County	10 00
	11	St. John's, Calk Road	9 40
	11	St. Mark's, Fort Motte	1 00
	11	Mt. Pleasant, Bamberg County	10 00
	11	Trinity, Saluda County	3 00
	11	St. Mark's, Saluda County	5 10
	11	Corinth, Saluda County	5 00
	11	Sandy Run, Lexington County	2 00
	15	Interest on sundry investments	27 80
			$4715 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

1899.			
Nov.	3	By G. L. London	$ 11 25
	3	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account	55 83
	3	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
	3	Rev. J. A. Morehead, for rent due	87 50
	3	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	12 97
Dec.	30	Amount C. W. Kregler	50 00
1900.			
Jan.	1	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	137 03
	4	Insurance on buildings	79 48

	8	Insurance on furniture and library	45 00
	25	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
Feb.	5	Prof. F. Muench	25 00
Mar.	13	Rev. J. A. Morehead, freight paid	2 45
	13	John D. Cappelmann, insurance	43 52
April	16	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	150 00
May	9	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	200 00
	16	Rev. J. A. Morehead, account salary	100 00
	16	Rev. J. A. Morehead, for rent	100 00
	16	Rev. J. A. Morehead, incidental expenses, janitor, etc.	26 05
	16	Rev. R. C. Holland, for printing	8 00
	16	Geo. B. Cromer, expenses	11 50
	17	Rev. J. A. B. Scherer	25 00
	17	Rev. K. Boldt	25 00
	17	Rev. J. W. Horine	25 00
	17	Prof. F. Muench	25 00
	17	Balance due by Treasurer	3189 99
			$4715 47

Of the $3,189.90, due by Treasurer, $3,099.34 is principal. I hold, in addition to the above, bonds of Richmond Mission, for $2,000, and one bond of S. W. Davis, for $700, secured by first mortgage.

H. S. TROUT, *Treasurer*

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report, which was received and referred to Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. DULS, Treasurer, In Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

1898. DR.

May	11	—To balance in hands Treasurer, per last report	$ 46 79
	23	Received of W. J. Duffie, publisher	125 84
Sept.	27	Received of Holston Synod, on Diet expenses	5 00
Oct.	11	Received of North Carolina Synod, on Diet expenses	20 00
(Other funds for Diet expenses did not pass through Treasurer's hands.)			
			$197 63

1898. CR.

May	25	—P'd sexton, per Rev. J. B. Fox (see p. 63, last Minutes	$ 5 00
	25	P'd Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Sec., " 56, "	25 00
	25	P'd Rev. L. G. M. Miller, refund, " 62, "	10 00

Aug.	2	P'd Rev. H. F. Scheele, Diet expenses, per order . . .	11 02
Dec.	13	P'd Rev. H. F. Scheele, Holston and N. C. Diet fund .	25 00
1899.			
April	10	P'd Henkel & Co., on account pr'ting and distributing Minutes Sixth Convention (p. 56, last Minutes) .	121 61
			$197 63

Resyectfully submitted,
C. H. DULS, *Treasurer.*

Charlotte, N. C., May 17, 1900.

The report of the Board of Directors of the South View Orphan Home was read.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SOUTH VIEW ORPHAN HOME.

As required by the United Synod, your Orphan Home has pleasure in submitting a report of its work for the past two years.

A continuation of God's blessing is recognized with deep gratitude. The work has steadily grown in efficiency and in the affection of the Church.

The present officers of the Board of Trustees are as follows: Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., President; Rev. R C. Holland, D. D., Vice-President; Prof. F. V. N. Painter, Secretary; and Paul S. Davis, Treasurer.

Upon the nomination of your Committee appointed in Staunton, the following members have been elected, since your last meeting, to fill vacancies on the Board: Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., of Columbia, S. C., and Mr. J. E. Cooper, of Winchester, Va.

The Rev. B. W. Cronk has shown himself a faithful and efficient officer as Superintendent. Mrs. Cronk, as matron, has been a judicious counselor. The other assistants in the Home—Miss Kate Barrier, as assistant matron, and Miss M. Etta Kegley, as teacher—have been diligent and consecrated in the discharge of their duties.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, Miss Kegley tendered her resignation, to take place June 15th. In her place, Miss Euphemia Robinson, of Mt. Holly, N. C., who has completed a course at the Normal Institute of Asheville, was elected, and will enter upon her duties in July.

Recently it was deemed advisable, for the greater efficiency of the work, to employ a third assistant as house-keeper. This will enable the Home to give the girls a better training.

During the past two years thirty-eight children have been under our

care, twenty-nine of whom are now in the Home. Arrangements have been made to receive six more, and applications for several others are now pending.

The religious training of the children receives special attention. Besides the daily religious services of the Home, the children attend the Sunday School and public worship of the College Church, and receive catechetical instruction from its pastor. The results have been very gratifying. Eighteen of the thirty-eight children—in fact all of suitable age—have been confirmed while in the Home.

Through local contributions the Home was supplied last fall with a respectable outfit for a printing office. Besides doing plain job work, the boys of the Home are now printing a small paper, *The Messenger*, which is commended to the liberal support of our people.

The Home returns thanks to the many friends throughout the Church who have contributed to its support. The average cost of the children, including the expense for repairs to buildings, was $66 the last fiscal year, an amount far below the usual cost in similar institutions.

The most important fact in the history of the Home since your last meeting is the purchase of a new building and grounds.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 17, 1899, it was found necessary to increase the accommodations of the Home. The question at once arose whether it would be better to erect a second building or purchase the large and handsome property known as Hotel Salem. This property, costing originally $64,000 exclusive of grounds, was on the market at what was regarded as a very low figure.

The subject was discussed at length; but unwilling to decide so important a matter at once, the Trustees postponed its final consideration to an adjourned meeting held November 9, 1899. At this meeting, after a full discussion, it was decided to purchase the Hotel building, and to transfer the Home to its new quarters at once. The purchase of the property was consummated a few days later by the payment of $14,500 in cash, which amount was borrowed at 5 per cent. interest.

The building, located on a tract of about three acres of land, is an imposing brick edifice containing 80 rooms besides lobby, parlors, dining room, kitchen and basement, and affording room for our orphan work for many years to come. With but few and inexpensive changes it has been well adapted to the work of the Home. It is a building in which the Church may feel a just pride; and as it is estimated that the material in it would bring more than the price paid, it is obvious that the action of the Board is entirely safe. The work of the Home is now carried on in the new building and the old property, except most of the land, will be sold upon favorable opportunity and the proceeds applied to the debt.

It is proposed to raise the purchase money in ten years, and by dis-

tributing the amount through this period, to avoid entailing a great burden upon the Church. In order to carry out this plan it will be necessary to raise an average of about $1,800 a year. The sum for the current year is $2,175, but in 1909 it will be $1,522, as each payment will diminish the amount of interest. Notwithstanding the other and urgent calls made upon the Church, a general effort and co-operation, it is believed, will secure this amount without difficulty.

The following resolutions of the Executive Committee are presented for your consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee deem it advisable to establish, in connection with the Orphan work. a home for aged and disabled ministers and their wives.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the judgment of the Executive Committee that the deaconess work should be undertaken in connection with the Orphan Home,at as early a date as may be deemed practicable.

The work of the Home is attended with perplexities and cares; and while requiring the material support of our people, it needs at the same time their sympathies and prayers.

L. G. M. MILLER, President.

F. V. N. PAINTER, Secretary.

The report was received, and resolutions 1 and 2 were separately adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Orphan Home be authorized to establish, in connection with the orphan work and as soon as practicable, a home for aged and disabled ministers and their wives.

The Committee to Nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, your Committee to Nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following: Revs. R. C. Holland, W. C. Schaeffer, A. R. Beck, L. G. M. Miller, J. H. Wilson, W. L. Seabrook, and Messrs. E. L. Greever, C. M. Efird, G. B. Cromer, H. S. Trout, J. D. Cappelmann, J. D. Heilig.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX.
GEO. H. COX.
JNO. F. FICKEN.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot of Synod for the persons named in the report.

The report of the Committee on Common Service, Co-operation and Arbitration was read.

ROPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON SERVICE, CO-OPERATION AND ARBITRATION.

The duties assigned to this committee at the last meeting of the United Synod are the following:

1. To take the necessary steps to secure to this synod all plates, copyright of the Book of Worship and all appurtenances thereto belonging, which became the property of the United Synod by the expiration of the contract between Mr. W. J. Duffie and the Common Service Committee.

2. To continue the publication of the Book of Worship until this meeting of the United Synod.

3. To labor together with similar committees of other general bodies in the preparation of common ministerial acts and a common hymnal with a view to secure a Common Book of Service throughout.

4. To act as members of a Joint Committee of Co-operation and Arbitration with representatives of other bodies.

Your Committee has endeavored to carry out its instruction, and now begs leave to submit to you a report of its work.

SECTION I—PLATES OF BOOK OF WORSHIP, &C.

1. Immediately after the adjournment of the United Synod at Newberry in May, 1898, the committee met and took steps to secure the plates, etc., of the Book of Worship and to continue its publication. The copyright was placed in our hands at the last meeting of the United Synod. Through the agency of Hon. C. M. Efird, of Lexington, S. C., who was empowered to act for the committee and rendered his valuable services without compensation, a transfer of the plates was effected at a cost to the committee of $6.46. It is recommended that the chairman of the committee be reimbursed to this amount. It is recommended that a vote of thanks be given Mr. C. M. Efird for his valuable services.

2. In closing the contract with Mr. W. J. Duffie, the former publisher of the Book of Worship, the committee was confronted with a perplexing question in regard to the stock of books on his hands. There was no provision for this stock in the contract with Mr. Duffie. The committee could not purchase these books from him. Through the kind services of C. M. Efird, Esq., the committee tried to effect a trade between Mr. ffie and the present publisher of the Book of Worship, but failed in

the effort. We then took the position that this stock belonged to Mr. Duffie to dispose of as he might wish without paying any royalty to this body on books sold after the expiration of his contract. But this does not satisfy Mr. Duffie, and to avoid all misunderstanding with our present publisher he has sent his check for $11.65, being the royalty on books sold by him since May 10, 1898, and demands a receipt in full. Your committee have accepted Mr. Duffie's check with thanks and have given him the receipt he demands.

SECTION II—PUBLICATION OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

1. In providing for the continued publication of the Book of Worship, your Committee believed they would best carry out the wishes of the churches by trying to secure a reduction of the selling price of the books, rather than an increase of royalty on the books. The report of the sales, furnished by our publisher and appended to this report, shows both a considerable reduction of the selling price and an increase of royalty to be paid to the Synod. The contract for the publication of the book until this meeting was awarded to Elbert H. Aull, Esq., for the Board of Publication created by this Synod at its last meeting. The following are the different styles of bindings and sizes of the book, and the prices at which the same retail and the royalty payable to the United Synod, according to said contract:

	Retail.	Royalty.
Cloth	$ .35	$ .03½
Sheep	.50	.05
Dark Arabesque	.60	.06
Arabesque gilt	.75	.07½
English Turkey, extra gilt	1.50	.10
Turkey Morocco, super extra gilt	2.50	.10
Turkey Antique	3.00	.10
Combination Sets.		
English Turkey (2 vols.), round corners	2.50	.10
English Calf, loose limp, red under gold edges (2 vols.) round corners	4.00	.10
Japanese Limp, round corners (2 vols.)	2.00	.10
Pulpit Size.		
Dark Arabesque	1.25	.10
Arabesque, gilt edge	1.50	.10
English Turkey	2.25	.10
Combination Sets.		
English Turkey (2 vols.)	4.00	.10

Arabesque Gilt (2 vols.)	2.50	.10
Japanese Limp (2 vols.)	3.00	.10

The publisher obligated himself that the paper and binding of the several editions should not be inferior in any particular to the editions of the book heretofore published and sold. The contract also provides that whatever books are on hand at its expiration may be taken by the Committee at the cost of manufacturing them, or may, by its consent, be sold by the publisher at the prices stipulated in the contract until they are disposed of.

In making the transfer of the plates, it was discovered that there were no "dies," such as should accompany the plates, in the possession of the former publisher. The Committee instructed the present publisher to have suitable "dies" prepared at the cost of the Committee. The bill for these "dies" is $9.88, which amount has not yet been paid Mr. Aull. We recommend that an order be given on the Treasurer for the amount.

2. From the account of sales appended to this report, it will be seen that there is due the United Synod on royalty, $106.52, for which amount we have in hand Mr. Aull's check.

3. We bring to your notice that the contract of the Committee with Mr. Aull, Superintendent, expires on the 31st inst. Steps should be taken at this meeting for the continuation of the publication of the Book of Worship until the next regular meeting of the United Synod.

SECTION III—THE COMMON BOOK OF SERVICE, CATECHISM.

1. Work on the Common Book of Worship in course of preparation by committees from the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod necessarily progresses slowly. There are difficulties to be overcome which cannot be discussed in this report. There have been several meetings of the Joint Committee of the general bodies interested. At the meeting at Wernersville, Pa., in September, 1898, a standard English version of Luther's Small Catechism was completed and recommended for adoption by the three general bodies. It was printed in the "Lutheran Church Review" and also in the Minutes of the General Synod and in those of the General Council, both of which bodies have adopted it. An exact copy in print is submitted with this report with the recommendation that it be adopted.

2. To facilitate the work the Joint Committee was divided into two sub-committees, one on a hymnal and the other on an order for baptism. A representative of your committee was able to attend a meeting of each of these sub-committees in October, 1899, but not the Joint Committee meeting to which they reported in December last. The sub-committee on hymnal was gratified to learn that Rev. Dr. Seiss had prepared a proposed hymnal and accepted his liberal offer to print it for the use and

consideration of the committee. The sub-committee on order for baptism agreed on the essentials of such an order. At the meeting of the Joint Committee in Philadelphia in December and also at Atlantic City in April of this year the orders for infant and adult baptism and also for confirmation, prepared by instruction of the Committee, were carefully discussed. The rule that governs the Joint Committee in the preparation of these orders is the same as that followed in the preparation of the Common Service, namely, the concensus of the best Lutheran liturgies of the sixteenth century.

At the meeting of the Joint Committee at Atlantic City, at which your Committee was represented, the hymnal proposed by Dr. Seiss was also taken up and considerable progress was made in the selection of hymns. As has been said, all this work progresses slowly; but enough has been accomplished to indicate that the Common Book will yet become a reality.

3. The Chairman of your Committee has incurred $54.15 traveling expenses in attending these meetings, for a part of which at least he wishes to be reimbursed.

SECTION IV—CO-OPERATION AND ARBITRATION.

In the direction of co-operation and arbitration there was nothing for the Committee to do. However, in the absence of a report from the representative of this body, who together with representatives of the General Council and the General Synod arranged the First General Conference of Lutherans in America held in Philadelphia December 27–29, 1898, it falls to our committee to make some reference to that notable gathering. The proceedings of the Conference, published jointly by the publication houses of the General Council and the General Synod, constitute an important contribution to the recent literature of the Lutheran Church, and give evidence of the broad ground on which our general bodies stand together notwithstanding the differences that still exist among us. Several representatives of the United Synod were present at the Conference and papers were read prepared by four of our number.

The following action was taken by the Conference:

Resolved, That we, as a Convention, make known to the three General Bodies, by whose authority this Convention was called, the desirability of holding another convention of a similar character in the future.

The General Synod, at its late meeting at York, Pa., took the following action:

Resolved, That the General Synod expresses its hearty approval of the recent Lutheran Conference, and its belief that the results thereof have been most beneficent, as tending to the better understanding, fraternity

and unification of Lutherans, and that the hearty thanks of this Synod be returned to those who so liberally defrayed the expenses incurred, and also to the Rev. Dr. S. W. Owen, for his laborious and efficient labors in arranging for the meeting, and that he be re-appointed the representative of the General Synod, in devising arrangements for another such conference, should it be called.

The General Council at its meeting in Chicago adopted the resolutions following:

That another Conference be held, if possible, during the year 1900, according to the instructions given at Easton in 1895, and that we authorize a representative to be appointed by us, to act with the representative already appointed by the General Synod, and with the President or other representative of the United Synod of the South, in arranging for such Conference.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs be re-appointed the General Council representative on the Committee on General Conference; that another Conference be held, if possible, during the year 1900; that the thanks of the Council be tendered the Finance Committee; and that the same be re-appointed.

Each of these general bodies also appointed a Finance Committee to provide for the expenses of another Conference.

We recommend that the United Synod take similar action as follows:

1. That we express our deep gratification at the success and harmony of the First General Conference of Lutherans in America.

2. That Rev. L. L. Smith be appointed as representative by this body to arrange for a second Conference.

3. That Rev. L. L. Smith with the Presidents of the District Synods be appointed Finance Committee to raise the necessary funds.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
L. A. FOX.
R. C. HOLLAND.

Report of the Publisher of the Book of Worship.

E. H. AULL, Superintendent, In Account with Common Service Committee of the United Synod:

1898.

Oct. 31	—By royalty on 191 copies Cloth	$ 6 68½	—$	6 68½
Nov. 30	" 145 copies Cloth	5 07½		
	" 1 copy Sheep	05		
	" 2 copies Dark Arabesque .	12		
	" 4 copies Dark Ar. Gilt . .	30		
	" 2 copies Eng. Turk. ex. gilt	20		

	"	3 copies Eng. Turk. comb.		30	
	"	1 copy Eng. Calf comb . .		10	
	"	2 copies Jap. Limp comb .		20	
			$	6 34½	
	To error, 25 copies to E. A. S. not sent .			87½	—$ 5 47
Dec.	31—By royalty on	101 copies Cloth		3 53½	
	"	4 Sheep		20	
	"	2 Arabesque plain		12	
	"	7 Arabesque gilt		52½	
	"	1 English Turkey		10	
	"	1 Turk. Mor. sup. ex. gilt		10	
	"	2 English Turkey Comb. .		20	
	"	2 English Calf Comb. . .		20	
	"	2 Japanese Limp.		20	—$ 5 18
1899.					
Jan.	31—By royalty on	84 Cloth		2 94	
	"	7 Sheep		35	
	"	12 Arabesque plain		72	
	"	5 Arabesque gilt		37½	
	"	1 English Turkey		10	—$ 4 48½
Feb.	28—By royalty on	96 Cloth		3 36	
	"	6 Sheep		30	
	"	6 Arabesque plain		36	
	"	4 Arabesque gilt		30	
	"	4 English Turk. ex. gilt .		40	
	"	4 English Turk. comb . .		40	
	"	7 Japanese Limp		70	—$ 5 82
Mar.	31—By royalty on	51 Cloth		1 78½	
	"	3 Sheep		15	
	"	1 Arabesque plain		06	
	"	1 English Turk. ex. gilt .		10	
	"	1 English Turk. comb. . .		10	
	"	1 Japanese Limp		10	—$ 2 36½
April	31—By royalty on	155 Cloth		5 42½	
	"	5 Sheep		25	
	"	2 Arabesque plain		12	
	"	7 Arabesque gilt		52½	
	"	1 English Turk. ex. gilt .		10	
	"	3 Japanese Limp		30	—$ 6 72
May	31—By royalty on	108 Cloth		3 78	
	"	4 Sheep		20	
	"	1 English Turk. Comb . .		10	
	"	1 Japanese Limp comb . .		10	—$ 4 18

June 30—By royalty on	15 Cloth		52½		
"	2 Sheep		10		
"	2 Arabesque plain		12		
"	9 Arabesque gilt		67½		
"	3 Japanese Limp		30		
"	3 Arabesque gilt. E. W. Co.		22½		
"	2 Arabesque plain		12	—$	2 06½
July 30—By royalty on	77 Cloth		2 69½		
"	4 Arabesque gilt pulpit ed.		40		
"	6 Arabesque plain		36	—$	3 45½
Aug. 31—By royalty on	20 Sheep		1 00		
"	1 English Turk, comb		10		
"	2 Dark Arabesque puipit ed		20		
"	1 Arab. gilt pulpit comb		10		
"	2 Jap. Limp " "		20		
"	179 Cloth		6 26½	—$	7 86½
Sept. 30—By royalty on	1 Sheep		05		
"	1 Arabesque plain		06		
"	2 Arabesque gilt		15		
"	1 Arabesque gilt pulpit		10		
"	50 Cloth		1 75	—$	2 11
Oct. 31—By royalty on	12 Dark Arabesque		72		
"	10 Arabesque gilt		75		
"	2 English Turkey ex. gilt		20		
"	4 English Turkey comb.		40		
"	11 Arabesque gilt pulpit		1 10		
"	3 English Turkey		30		
"	180 Cloth		6 30½	—$	9 77½
Nov. 30—By royalty on	5 Cloth	$	17½		
"	2 Arabesque plain		12		
"	1 English Turkey comb		10		
"	1 Arabesque gilt pulpit		10	—$	49½
Dec. 30—By royalty on	11 Cloth		38½		
"	2 Dark Arabesque pulpit		20		
"	3 Jap. Limp pulpit 2 vols.		30		
"	1 English Calf comb		10		
"	6 English Turkey comb		60		
"	3 English Turkey ex. gilt.		30		
"	17 Arabesque gilt		1 27½		
"	10 Arabesque plain		60		
"	7 Sheep		35	—$	4 11

1900.

Jan.	30—By royalty on 75 Cloth	2 55½		
	" 2 English Turkey ex. gilt.	20		
	" 1 Dark Arabesque pulpit .	10		
	" 1 Arabesque gilt pulpit .	10		
	" 1 English Turkey pulpit .	10		
	" 7 Arabesque plain	42		
	" 15 Sheep	75		
	" 1 Arabesque gilt	07½	—$ 4	30
Feb.	28—By royalty on 195 Cloth	6 82½		
	" 17 Sheep	85		
	" 27 Arabesque plain	1 62		
	" 34 Arabesque gilt	2 55		
	" 7 English Turkey gilt . .	70		
	" 1 Turk. Mor. sup. ex. gilt.	10		
	" 22 English Turkey comb .	2 20		
	" 3 English Calf comb . . .	30		
	" 20 Japanese Limp comb . .	2 00		
	" 3 Arabesque gilt pulpit . .	30		
	" 1 Arabesque plain	10		
	" 1 English Turkey pulpit .	10	—$ 17	64½
Mar.	31—By royalty on 12 Cloth	42		
	" 2 Arabesque plain	12		
	" 1 Arabesque gilt	7½		
	" 5 Japanese Limp	50	—$ 1	11½
April	30—By royalty on 216 Cloth	7 56		
	" 2 Sheep	10		
	" 7 Arabesque plain	42		
	" 28 Arabesque gilt	2 10		
	" 6 English Turkey ex. gilt.	60		
	" 1 Turkey Antique . . .	10		
	" 4 English Turkey comb .	40		
	" 12 Japanese Limp . . .	1 20		
	" 1 Arabesque plain pulpit .	10		
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			$106	52

SUMMARY.

1919 copies Cloth, @ 3½	$ 67 17
94 copies Sheep, @ 5	4 70
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133 copies Dark Arabesque Gilt, @ 7½	9 97
30 copies English Turkey Extra Gilt	3 00

49	copies English Turkey Comb	4 90
7	copies English Calf	70
2	copies Turkey Morocco S. E. G	20
59	copies Japanese Limp	5 90
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PULPIT.

7	copies Arabesque Plain	$ 70
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2	copies Arabesque Gilt Comb	20
2	copies Jap. Limp Comb	20
5	copies English Turkey	50
37		$ 3 70

STOCK ON HAND.

858 copies Cloth,
95 copies Sheep,
33 copies Dark Arabesque
83 copies Arabesque Gilt
4 copies English Turkey Ex. G
9 copies Turkey Morocco S. E. G.
5 copies Turkey Antique.

COMBINATION SETS.

8 copies English Turkey
27 copies English Calf.
4 copies Japanese Limp.

PULPIT SIZE.

6 copies Dark Arabesque
16 copies Arabesque Gilt.
10 copies English Turkey.

COMBINATION SETS.

23 copies English Turkey.
9 copies Arabesque Gilt.
43 Japanese Limp.

Newberry, S. C., May 1, 1900.

The report was received for consideration by items, and was made the special order for to-morrow morning.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. A. Repass, D. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. M. M. Kinard.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of Committee on Common Service, Co-operation, and Arbitration was taken up and considered by sections and items.

SECTION I.

Item 1. Adopted as amended.

Item 2. Adopted.

SECTION II.

Item 1. Recommendation adopted.

Item 2. Adopted with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the check for $106.52 of Mr. Aull, and also the check of Mr. Duffie for $11.65, both being for royalty on sales of Book of Worship, be turned over to C. H. Duls, Esq., Treasurer of United Synod.

Item 3. Adopted with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Common Service Committee be authorized to arrange for the publication of the Book of Worship during the coming two years; also to determine styles of binding in which it is to be published.

SECTION III.

Item 1. On motion, passages were read from the Catechism, as called for by several members of Synod, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Translation of Luther's Small Catechism, presented by the Joint Common Service Committee, be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

Item 2. Adopted. The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Common Service Book is instructed to add, as a supplement, forty or fifty hymns to subsequent editions of the Book of Worship, if practicable, together with a complete topical index to the entire hymnal, and also to publish the aforesaid supplement in separate form, including the index.

Item 3. The following was adopted:

Resolved, That Dr. Voigt be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing his duties as a member of the Joint Common Service Committee.

SECTION IV.

Recommendation 1. Adopted.
Recommendation 2. Adopted as amended.
Recommendation 3. Adopted as amended.
The report was adopted as a whole.

Final Revision of the Translation of Luther's Small Catechism, made at Wernersville in September, 1898, by the Joint Committee of the General Synod, United Synod of the South, Joint Synod of Ohio, English Synod of Missouri,* and General Council.

The Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther for Pastors and Preachers.

PREFACE.

Martin Luther to all faithful and godly Pastors and Preachers: Grace, Mercy and Peace, in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

The deplorable condition in which I found religious affairs during a recent visitation of the congregations, has impelled me to publish this Catechism, or statement of the Christian doctrine, after having prepared it in very brief and simple terms. Alas! what misery I beheld! The people, especially those who live in the villages, seem to have no knowledge whatever of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are ignorant and incompetent teachers. And, nevertheless, they all maintain that they are Christians, that they have been baptized, and that they have received the Lord's Supper. Yet they cannot recite the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments; they live as if they were irrational creatures, and now that the Gospel has come to them, they grossly abuse their Christian liberty.

Ye bishops! what answer will ye give to Christ for having so shamefully neglected the people, and paid no attention to the duties of your office? I invoke no evil on your heads. But you withhold the cup in the Lord's Supper, insist on the observance of your human laws, and yet, at the same time, do not take the least interest in teaching the people the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, or any other part of the word of God. Woe unto you!

Wherefore I beseech you in the Name of God, my beloved brethren,

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*Not represented at this meeting.

who are pastors or preachers, to engage heartily in the discharge of the duties of your office, to have mercy on the people who are entrusted to your care, and to assist us in introducing the Catechism among them, and especially among the young. And if any of you do not possess the necessary qualifications, I beseech you to take at least the following forms and read them, word for word, to the people, on this wise:—

In the first place, let the preacher take the utmost care to avoid all changes or variations in the text and wording of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Sacraments, etc. Let him, on the contrary, take each of the forms respectively, adhere to it, and repeat it anew, year after year. For young and inexperienced people cannot be successfully instructed, unless we adhere to the same text or the same forms of expression. They easily become confused when the teacher at one time employs a certain form of words and expressions, and, at another, apparently with a view to make improvements, adopts a different form. The result of such a course will be that all the time and labor which we have expended will be lost.

This point was well understood by our venerable fathers, who were accustomed to use the same words in teaching the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. We, too, should follow this plan when we teach these things, particularly in the case of the young and ignorant, not changing a single syllable, nor introducing any variations when, year after year, we recur to these forms and recite them anew before our hearers.

Choose, therefore, the form of words which best pleases you, and adhere to it perpetually. When you preach in the presence of intelligent and learned men, you are at liberty to exhibit your knowledge and skill, and may present and discuss these subjects in all the varied modes which are at your command. But when you are teaching the young, retain the same form and manner without change; teach them, first of all, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc., always presenting the same words of the text, so that those who learn can repeat them after you, and retain them in the memory.

But if any refuse to receive your instructions, tell them plainly that they deny Christ and are not Christians; such persons shall not be admitted to the Lord's Table, nor present a child for Baptism, nor enjoy any of our Christian privileges, but are to be sent back to the pope and his agents, and, indeed to Satan himself. Their parents and employers should, besides, refuse to furnish them with food and drink, and notify them that the government was disposed to banish from the country all persons of such a rude and intractable character.

For although we cannot, and should not, compel them to exercise faith, we ought, nevertheless, to instruct the great mass with all dili-

gence, so that they may know how to distinguish between right and wrong in their conduct towards those with whom they live, or among whom they desire to earn their living. For whoever desires to reside in a city, and enjoy the rights and privileges which its laws confer, is also bound to know and obey those laws. God grant that such persons may become sincere believers! But if they remain dishonest and vicious, let them at least withhold from public view the vices of their hearts.

In the second place, when those whom you are instructing have become familiar with the words of the text, it is time to teach them to understand the meaning of those words, so that they may become acquainted with the object and purport of the lesson. Then proceed to another of the following forms, or, at your hleasure, choose any other which is brief, and adhere strictly to the same words and forms of expression in the text, without altering a single syllable; besides, allow yourself ample time for the lessons. For it is not necessary that you should, on the same occasion, proceed from the beginning to the end of the several parts; it will be more profitable if you present them separately, in regular succession. When the people have, for instance, at length correctly understood the First Commandment, you may proceed to the Second, and so continue. By neglecting to observe this mode, the people will be overburdened, and be prevented from understanding and retaining in memory any considerable part of the matter communicated to them.

In the third place, when you have thus reached the end of this Short Catechism, begin anew with the Large Catechism, and by means of it furnish the people with fuller and more comprehensive explanations. Explain here at large every Commandment, every Petition, and, indeed, every part, showing the duties which they severally impose, and both the advantages which follow the performance of those duties, and also the dangers and losses which result from the neglect of them. Insist in an especial manner on such Commandments or other parts as seem to be most of all misunderstood or neglected by your people It will, for example, be necessary that you should enforce with the utmost earnestness the Seventh Commandment, which treats of stealing, when you are teaching workmen, dealers, and even farmers and servants, inasmuch as many of these are guilty of various dishonest and thievish practices. So, too, it will be your duty to explain and apply the Fourth Commandment with great diligence, when you are teaching children and uneducated adults, and to urge them to observe order, to be faithful, obedient and peaceable, as well as to adduce numerous instances mentioned in the Scriptures, which show that God punished such as were guilty in these things, and blessed the obedient.

Here, too, let it be your great aim to urge magistrates and parents to

rule wisely, and to educate the children, admonishing them, at the same time, that such duties are imposed on them, and showing them how grievously they sin if they neglect them. For in such a case they overthrow and lay waste alike the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world, acting as if they were the worst enemies both of God and man. And show them very plainly the shocking evils of which they are the authors, when they refuse their aid in training up children to be pastors, preachers, writers, etc., and set forth that on account of such sins God will inflict an awful punisnment upon them. It is, indeed, necessary to preach on these things, for parents and magistrates are guilty of sins in this respect, which are so great that there are no terms in which they can be described. And truly, Satan has a cruel design in fostering these evils.

Finally; inasmuch as the people are now relieved from the tyranny of the pope, they refuse to come to the Lord's Table, and treat it with contempt. On this point, also, it is very necessary that you should give them instructions, while, at the same time, you are to be guided by the following principles: That we are to compel no one to believe, or to receive the Lord's Supper; that we are not to establish any laws on this point, or appoint the time and place; but that we should so preach as to influence the people, without any law adopted by us, to urge, and, as it were, to compel us who are pastors, to administer the Lord's Supper to them. Now this object may be attained, if we address them in the following manner: It is to be feared that he who does not desire to receive the Lord's Supper at least three or four times during the year, despises the Sacrament, and is no Christian. So, too, he is no Christian, who neither believes nor obeys the Gospel; for Christ did not say: "Omit or despise this," but "This ye do, as oft as ye drink it," etc. He commands that this should be done, and by no means be neglected and despised. He says: "This do."

Now he who does not highly value the Sacrament, shows thereby that he has no sin, no flesh, no devil, no world, no death, no danger, no hell; that is to say, he does not believe that such evils exist, although he may be deeply immersed in them, and completely belong to the devil. On the other hand, he needs no grace, no life, no Paradise, no heaven, no Christ, no God, no good thing. For if he believed that he was involved in such evils, and that he was in need of such blessings, he could not refrain from receiving the Sacrament, wherein aid is afforded against such evils, and, again, such blessings are bestowed. It will not be necessary to compel him by force of any law to approach the Lord's Table; he will hasten to it of his own accord, will compel himself to come, and, indeed, urge you to administer the Sacrament to him.

Hence, you are by no means to adopt any compulsory law in this case,

as the pope has done. Let it simply be your aim to set forth distinctly the advantages and losses, the wants and the benefits, the dangers and the blessings, which are to be considered in connection with the Sacrament; the people will, doubtless, then seek it without urgent demands on your part. If they still refuse to come forward, let them choose their own ways, and tell them that those who do not regard their own spiritual misery, and do not desire the gracious help of God, belong to Satan. But if you do not give such solemn admonitions, or if you adopt odious compulsory laws on the subject, it is your own fault if the people treat the Sacrament with contempt. Will they not necessarily be slothful, if you are silent and sleep? Therefore consider the subject seriously, ye Pastors and Preachers! Our office has now assumed a very different character from that which it bore under the pope; it is now of a very grave nature, and is very salutary in its influence. It consequently subjects us to far greater burdens and labors, dangers and temptations, while it brings with it an inconsiderable reward, and very little gratitude in the world. But Christ himself will be our reward, if we labor with fidelity. May He grant such mercy unto us who is the Father of all grace, to whom be given thanks and praises through Christ, our Lord, for ever! Amen.

WITTENBERG, A. D. 1529.

I. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach them to his household.

I AM THE LORD THY GOD.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Ques. What is meant by this?

Ans. We should fear, love and trust God above all things.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not curse, swear, conjure, lie or deceive by his name, but call upon his name in every time of need, and worship him with prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not despise preaching and his word, but deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not despise our parents and superiors, nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love and esteem them.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not kill.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not hurt nor harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and live chaste and pure in words and deeds, and husband and wife each love and honor the other.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not steal.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not take our neighbor's money or property, nor get it by false wares or false dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and living.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not falsely belie, betray, backbite nor slander our neighbor, but excuse him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on all he does.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not craftily seek to gain our neighbor's inheritance or home, nor to get it by a show of right, but help and serve him in keeping it.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is his.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We should fear and love God, and not estrange, force or entice away from our neighbor, his wife, servants or cattle, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Q. What does God say of all these Commandments?

A. He says: I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments, therefore we should fear his wrath, and do nothing against such commandments. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments; therefore we should love and trust in him, and gladly do according to his commandments.

II. THE CREED.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

THE FIRST ARTICLE.

Of Creation.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that God has made me, together with all creatures; that he has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and child, land, cattle and all my goods; that he richly and daily provides me with all that I need for this body and life, protects me against all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil; and all this, purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE.

Of Redemption.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary; is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood, and with his innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

THE THIRD ARTICLE.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; even as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church he

daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me and all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

III. THE LORD'S PRAYER.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

Our Father who art in heaven.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God would hereby tenderly invite us to believe that he is truly our Father, and we are truly his children, so that we may ask of him with all cheerfulness and confidence, as dear children ask of their dear father.

THE FIRST PETITION.

Hallowed be Thy name.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The name of God is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may be hallowed also among us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When the word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God, lead holy lives, in accordance with it; this grant us, dear father in heaven! But he that teaches and lives otherwise than the word of God teaches, profanes the name of God among us; from this preserve us, Heavenly Father!

THE SECOND PETITION.

Thy kingdom come.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The kingdom of God comes indeed of itself, without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come also to us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When our Heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy word, and live godly here in time, and in heaven forever.

THE THIRD PETITION.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done also among us.

Q. How is this done?

A. When God defeats and hinders every evil counsel and purpose, which would not let us hallow God's name nor let his kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our own flesh; but strengthens and keeps us steadfast in his word and in faith unto our end. This is his gracious and good will.

THE FOURTH PETITION.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God gives daily bread indeed without our prayer even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to acknowledge and receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Q. What is meant by "daily bread?"

A. All that belongs to the wants and support of the body, such as meat, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, order, honor, good friends, trusty neighbors and the like.

THE FIFTH PETITION.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor, on account of them, deny our prayer; for we are not worthy of anything we ask, neither have we deserved it; but that he would grant us all through

grace; for we sin much every day, and deserve nothing but punishment. And we on our part will heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us.

THE SIXTH PETITION.

And lead us not into temptation.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God indeed tempts no one, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, that the devil, the world and our flesh may not deceive us, nor lead us into misbelief, despair and other shameful sin and vice; and, though we be thus tempted, that we may still in the end overcome, and hold the victory.

THE SEVENTH PETITION.

But deliver us from evil.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. We pray in this petition, as the sum of all, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from all manner of evil—in body and soul, property and honor—and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this vale of sorrow to himself in heaven.

[For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever.]

AMEN.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. That I should be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and are heard by him; for he himself has commanded us so to pray, and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen, that is, Yea, Yea; it shall be so.

IV. THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

I.

Q. What is Baptism?

A. Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water com-

prehended in God's command, and connected with God's word.

Q. What is that word of God?

A. That which Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go ye and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

II.

Q. What benefits does Baptism confer?

A. It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what the words and promises of God declare.

Q. Which are those words and promises of God?

A. Those which Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned."

III.

Q. How can water do such great things?

A. It is not water indeed that does it, but the word of God, which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God, the water is simply water, and no baptism. But with the word of God, it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost; as St. Paul says, Titus iii, 5–8: "According to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying."

IV.

Q. What does such baptizing with water signify?

A. It signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily sorrow and repentance, be drowned and die, with all sins and evil lusts; and again a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Q. Where is this written?

A. St. Paul says, Rom. 6: 4: "We are buried with Christ by baptism into death; that like as he was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

How People Should be Taught to Confess.

Q. What is Confession?

A. Confession embraces two parts; one, that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself and in no wise doubt, but firmly believe that through it our sins are forgiven beford God in heaven.

Q. What sins should we confess?

A. Before God we should acknowledge ourselves guilty of all sins, even of those which we do not discern; as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess those sins only which we know and feel in our hearts.

Q. Which are these?

A. Here consider your station in the light of the Ten Commandments, whether you be a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether in these relations you have been disobedient, unfaithful, slothful; whether you have wronged any one by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted aught, or done any harm.

V. THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

Q. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A. It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q. Where is this written?

A. The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark and Luke, together with St. Paul, write thus:

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

"After the same manner, also, when He had supped, He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Q. What use is such eating and drinking?

A. It is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins"; namely, that in the sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Q. How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

A. It is not the eating and drinking, indeed, that does it, but the words which stand here: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins." These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the chief thing in the Sacrament; and he that believes these words, has what they say and mean, namely, the forgiveness of sins.

Q. Who then receives this sacrament worthily?

A. Fasting and bodily preparations are indeed a good outward discipline; but he is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins." But he who believes not these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unprepared; for the words, FOR YOU, require truly believing hearts.

The following report of Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF CHURCH PAPERS.

Your Committee appointed at the Convention of the United Synod at Staunton, Va., in 1895, and continued by the Convention at Newberry, 1898, respectfully reports its inability to effect a plan for consolidation, and requests to be discharged. The Committee learns that the Board of Publication has plans on this subject, which will, no doubt, be presented for your consideration.

L. L. SMITH.
C. B. KING.
L. A. FOX.
L. G. M. MILLER.
G. B CROMER.

The President of the Lutheran Publication Board presented the following report, which was received for consideration:

REPORT OF LUTHERAN PUBLICATION BOARD.

Your Board would beg to submit the following report:

1. At the last meeting of your body you elected a Board of Publication. Immediately after the election the Board met, and was organized by the election of Rev V R. Stickley, President; W. L. Seabrook, Vice-President; A. H. Kohn, Secretary. E. H. Aull was elected Superintendent and was also made Treasurer. An Executive Committee, consisting of Rev. S. T Hallman, D. D., Rev. J. J. Scherer, D D., C. M. Efird, A. H. Kohn, and A. G. Wise, was elected. An Editorial Committee was also constituted, by the election of the following: Revs. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., H. S. Wingard, D. D., R. C. Holland, D. D., A. G. Voigt, D. D., and Prof. Geo B. Cromer.

2. I beg also to submit the Basis of Organization and the By-Laws adopted by the Board, which are attached to this report and marked Exhibits A. and B.

3. Also, accompanying this report is the report of the Superintendent, marked Exhibit C. In this report is given an account in full of the work done by the Board, demonstrating the wisdom of the United Synod in its appointment. The earnest, faithful, and self-sacrificing labors of the Superintendent in the interest of the work merit and receive our special gratitude.

We would recommend the hearty co-operation and sympathy of this body.

Respectfully submitted,
V. R. STICKLEY, *President.*

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the President of the Lutheran Board of Publication, its exhibits, the report of the Committee on Church Papers, and the plan and bond read in connection therewith be referred to a committee of one from each Synod composing this body, with instructions to report at this meeting.

The following committee was appointed in pursuance of the above resolution: Revs. C. B. King, J. A. B. Scherer, J. C. Moser, W. J. Smith, L. A. Fox, J. L. Derrick, D. A. Sox, and Mr. Samuel Booher.

The report of Committee on President's Report was received to be considered by items.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee begs to offer the following:

In his report the President closes his introduction in these words: "After years of uncertainty, our enterprises are assuming so permanent a character that we may safely proceed to build upon the foundation laid and to enlarge our operations as surrounding opportunities appear, and, in the call of our duty, we hear the call of God."

It was while discharging the duties of his calling that the Rev. H. S. Wingard, D. D., the Vice-president of this Synod, heard the call of God and passed to his heavenly reward, on the first day of December, 1899.

1. In accordance with the President's suggestion, we recommend that a Memorial Service be held in this church on Sunday afternoon next, at the hour of 5 o'clock, and that this service be in charge of a committee consisting of the Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. H. Wilson, J. S. Elmore, and Prof. Geo. B. Cromer. We also recommend that these brethren be a committee to draw up suitable resolutions upon the death of our beloved and lamented Vice-President, and submit the same to this body for adoption.

Your Committee calls the attention of Synod to the following recommendations in the report not otherwise provided for:

2. It is recommended that an effort be made to secure individual persons or congregations to contribute annually a specified amount towards the support of missionaries.

3. It is recommended that the General Secretary continue to confer with the Mission Board of each synod in which the United Synod is operating, as to the nature and extent of the (Home) Mission work to be done.

4. It is recommended that a committee, one member from each synod,

be appointed to prepare a uniform blank for our Parochial Reports, and report to this Convention.

5. Your Committee recommends that the thanks of Synod be tendered the President for the efficient and faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his responsible office.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND.
J. W. HORINE.
E. H. KOHN.
M. O. J. KREPS.
J. D. CAPPELMANN.
JAS D. HEILIG.

Recommendations 1, 2, 3. Adopted.

Recommendation 4. Adopted, and the following committee was appointed: Revs. S. C. Ballentine, C. B. King, J. J. Scherer, J. L. Derrick, L. L. Smith, J. S. Elmore, E. H. Kohn, Mr. Samuel Booher.

Recommendation 5. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. T. Hallman.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Freed.

On motion, the Committee on Common Service was continued as the Committee on Common Book of Worship.

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee to Nominate a Board of Publication: Revs. J. W. Horine, M. O. J. Kreps, C. A. Marks.

The Committee on Missions offered the following report, which was received and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on the report of the Board of Missions submit the following report:

1. We desire to record our high appreciation of the faithfulness and efficiency of the Board, and our gratitude to God for the abundant suc-

cess with which their labors have been crowned. When the fact is noted that the means at their command were far below the actual needs of the Board the results attained are marvelous and highly gratifying.

2. We also commend the faithfulness, energy and devotion of the General Secretary, and bespeak for him the continued co-operation and support of all our people.

3. Your Committee notes with pleasure that there has been an increase in the receipts both for Home and Foreign Missions since the last convention of this body, and that one gentleman alone has contributed $1,609.50 to balance loan of Board, effected in 1895.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend that the report of the Board be adopted, and their acts approved.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500 annually.

3. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

4. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

5. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. HALLMAN.
D. P. CRICKENBERGER.
WM. P. HOUSEAL.
GEORGE H. COX.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the present Board of Missions be re-elected, with the following substitutions: Instead of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, that the Rev. E. H. Kohn be substituted, and instead of Mr. J. A. Alexander, ¡Mr. J. W. Ebberly.

The following report of Auditing Committee was received and adopted:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee to Audit Treasurer's Report respectfully report that

they have examined the account of C. H. Duls, Treasurer of the United Synod, and find the disbursements therein mentioned properly vouched.

Respectfully yours,

JNO. F FICKEN.
J. S. ETTA.
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Synod presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last convention of this Synod, have the pleasure to report that the unfinished business claiming the attention of this body has already been presented and disposed of. There remains therefore nothing for your Committee to present for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. SCHAEFFER.
C. A. FREED.
C. P. BOOZER.
A. H. KOHN.
A. D. WESSELL.
C. T. BERNHARDT.

The Committee on Literary Institutions offered the following, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee had placed in its hands catalogues or reports from the following institutions: Newberry College, Elizabeth College, Lenoir College, Marion Female College, Holston Synodical College, and Mt. Amœna Female Seminary, Roanoke College and North Carolina College.

The catalogues which have been in our hands are exceptionally finely gotten up, and indicate pains-taking care in their preparation, and would impress one very favorably to begin with.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE—Two years ago the Committee on Literary Institutions, at Newberry, reported a total enrollment of students at 161, the highest, up to that time, in its history. This year it goes much beyond that, and foots up to 175. Last year it had 107 in the collegiate department, this year it has 127 in the same, a gain of 20. Last year it had 7 in the Post-graduate department, this year 11. This is a most encouraging indication of the increasing estimation, in which it is held as a center of higher education, a college proper, had a cause

of congratulation to ourselves, and to those who have been so successfully conducting the institution. We are glad to note that throughout the entire four years included in the regular college course, with the exception of the last term of the Senior year, "Bible Study" is part of the regular course of study. The library numbers 8,000 volumes.

ROANOKE COLLEGE—With this institution also the year has been an encouraging one—168 students were enrolled, of whom 10 came from foreign countries, and 17 from States north of Virginia. Five of her Faculty have studied in Europe. Her library numbers 22,000 volumes. In the case of Roanoke College also we are glad to note that the English Bible has a place in her regular course of study. How great a work our colleges are doing in preparing our young men for the Gospel ministry we need not remind you. We need only look at the composition of any and all our Synods to see. We fear that our practical appreciation of these institutions is yet far from being commersurate with the inestimable good which they have accomplished and are accomplishing. We should furnish them with more students and more money.

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE—The number of students enrolled this year is 57. It is encouraging to note that this is a gain over last year of that the entire graduating class of last year are in our own Seminary at 5. Another very gratifying fact in connection with this institution is Mt. Pleasant. Very few colleges could show such a record. The year's work has been encouraging. The library numbers 4,000 volumes. The buildings and grounds are worth $15,000. The endowment amounts to $15,000.

LENOIR COLLEGE—This institution is under the fostering care of the Tennessee Synod, and located at Hickory N. C. It attracts a large number of students, its enrollment reaching 126—which is a most encuraging showing for an institution of its comparatively recent origin. In its course of study is not only included the Bible, but what is not so common, Luther's Catechism as well It has also in connection with it a Theological department. It has also an encouraging beginning of a library.

HOLSTON SYNODICAL COLLEGE, AT MOSHEIM, TENN —This institution is co-educational. For the past year it enrolled no less than 157 students. Also included in its course is the study of the Bible. Its President is Rev. J. B. Greever. It is doing much to furnish the facilities for an education to our people within the bounds of the Holston Synod.

MARION FEMALE COLLEGE.—The past year is reported as one of the most prosperous in its history. Its enrollment was 101. From the beginning it has had nearly 1,000 students, and sent out 120 graduates. It has done a great work in bringing an education within the reach of many of our young women in Southwest Virginia, who could not other-

wise have availed themselves of similar advantages. Its students are weekly instructed in the Catechism, and daily in the Bible, and thus much has been accomplished in strengthening the Church through intelligent Christian homes.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE.—This institution, located at Charlotte, N. C., enrolled the past year 116 students, drawn from nine states, both North and South. Its faculty numbers some twenty or more. Its buildings are beautiful, substantial and capacious, and though but very recently founded, it already stands in the front rank of our institutions devoted to female education, and has great reason to feel greatly encouraged at the work already done, and the prospects which open out before it. In its regular course also the Bible is included as a part of the same.

MONT AMŒNA FEMALE SEMINARY.—This Seminary reports a year ordinarily prosperous. The enrollment represents three states, and four of our district synods. The instructors and officers for the coming year number eleven, nine of whom devote all their time to its work. Its efficiency in every way is reported as growing.

BETH EDEN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, within the bounds of the Mississippi Synod, reports some marks of advancement over the previous year. Its enrollment was 58: males, 26; females, 32; and its teachers, two. We notice that Rev. H. E. H. Sloop, its Principal, has resigned.

At the most of our institutions the expenses have been cut down to the lowest figure, so that their advantages are accessible to those whose means are very limited, as is the case with a very large proportion of our people. They richly deserve our deepest interest, our faithful support, and our prayers.

L. G. M. MILLER.
JOHN C. SEEGERS.
J. A. LINN.
J. L. DERRICK.
J. S. ELMORE.
SAMUEL BOOHER.

The following report of the Committee on the State of the Church was received and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The chief sources from which we must draw for information on the state of the Church are the minutes of the district synods, especially the reports on that subject contained in them. These reports are generally hopeful and encouraging. Yet there are some notes of complaint. These, however, suggest a failure to measure up to the standard of religious life desirable, rather than a retrogression of the churches. On the

whole the state of the Church is one of progress. The blessed Gospel of the Lord is still proving itself as a power of life among us, and its quickening effects are manifest in various evidences of spiritual grace and Christian activity, to which we take pleasure in making brief reference in this report.

1. That there is growth in Christian activity in the various district synods, appears not only from the reports on this item in the minutes of these synods, but also from the support which most of the institutions of the Church, for instance the Ophan Home, enjoy.

2. The attendance upon the services of the house of God and the use of the Sacraments is generally reported encouraging. We note some complaints in regard to the attendance upon the Lord's Supper. There is undoubtedly a lack of appreciation of the great benefits of this sacred ordinance in this age, even good members of the Church being sometimes satisfied with a participation in the Sacrament once a year. In this respect we still have something to learn from the first age of the Church, when the Lord's Supper was celebrated with greater frequency than now.

3. In the matter of benevolence, we are gratified to report a commendable progress, yet much remains for us to attain.

4. Sunday Schools are established and fostered throughout the United Synod. In remote places there may be a lack of efficiency in this important means of Christian education. But improved Sunday School literature and more perfect organization are generally productive of better results in our schools.

5. The subject of catechization is one that is often referred to in reports like this with emphasis, recommendation, and complaint. We are convinced that much more discussion of this essential means of preparation for effective discipleship and much more insistence upon it are necessary before we attain that standard of instruction which is the ideal of our Lutheran Church.

6. The finances of most congregations indicate improvement, although it is painful to hear and read so often of salaries of pastors unpaid.

7. The interest in Christian education is sustained. It would be strange indeed if it were otherwise in an age of education. When we speak of Christian education we should think not only of colleges and seminaries. We should also think of the provisions for educating the younger members of the Church. May not the question be raised here with propriety whether home training, as it in fact exists, and the instruction given in the Sunday School are sufficient for the spiritual needs of the young? We merely ask this question as a suggestion to awaken thought.

8. Probably nothing furnishes clearer evidence of the progress we are making as a Church than the report of the Board of Missions presented

to this Convention. Twenty-seven Home Missions organized or aided since 1886, and a Foreign Mission successfully established and maintained and expanded to the size of three ordained missionaries and six native helpers, all accomplished by a body of 40,000 communicants, with numerous and urgent home needs, render tangible proof that there is Christian life and love for Christ and his cause among us. While humbly lamenting our shortcomings, we have reason to rejoice in what we have accomplished, but at the same time to pray for a larger measure of God's grace in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
A. PHILIPPI.
C. A. MARKS.
J. C. MOSER.
J. PAULSEN.
H. P. COPENHAVER.

Synod took up the Report of Committee on Tender of Elizabeth College, and acted on Sections III and IV by items.

Section III, Items 1, 2, adopted.

Section IV, Resolutions 1, 2, adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolutions were introduced by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, and were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we recognize with sincerest pleasure the attendance at this Convention of so large a delegation from among our brethren of the Tennessee Synod.

Resolved, 2. That their delegation be fraternally requested to use such efforts as may seem best to them, and as they conscientiously can, to secure, on the part of their entire body, clerical and lay, harmonious co-operation in carrying forward all the general interests of the United Synod.

Resolved, 3. That in view of the position heretofore occupied by the Tennessee Synod with regard to full and active co-operation with this body, this United Synod does now assure the Tennessee Synod that it is most sincerely desirous, in the prosecution of our common work, that nothing may be done calculated to burden the consciences of the brethren of any of our synods. All our synods are founded on the Word of God, and the confessions of the Church in accordance with it, and all are equally bound to frame their practice and fulfill their duty in accordance with a candid and conscientious conviction of the true and proper sense of that Word, and our Confessions on it founded.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with profound interest the remarks of Rev. J. L. Derrick on the conditions of our Church in Mississippi, and that we sympathize with these brethren in their need, and commend them to the continued favorable consideration of the Board of Missions.

The report of Committee on Report of Board of Publication and other papers referred to therein was read and received to be considered by items.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION, ETC.

Two distinct matters came before your Committee: First, the reports of the officers of the Board of Publication, with the papers connected therewith; secondly, the plan for the publication of a Church paper as the official organ of the United Synod. The Committee took the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Synod's approval of the conduct of the Board of Publication during the biennium, and that the reports of the President and Superintendent, together with the constitution and by-laws, be printed in the minutes of this convention.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Synod respectfully return to the Executive Committee of the Board of Publication the written plan aforesaid, regarding the same as impracticable.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the former committee on the consolidation of the Church papers be re-appointed, and kindly requested to continue their efforts along their own lines.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX.
C. B. KING.
JAMES A. B. SCHERER.
J. C. MOSER.
W. J. SMITH.
J. L. DERRICH,
D. A. SOX.
SAMUEL BOOHER.

Items 1, 2, 3. Adopted.

[For committee under item 3, see Minutes Staunton Convention, 1895, p. 66.]

The report was adopted as a whole.

Basis of Organization.

Acting under authority of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, the Board of Publication adopts the following basis of organization:

1. The name of the organization shall be Lutheran Publication Board of the United Synod.

2. Its object shall be to foster Church literature in the United Synod.

3. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent, and an Executive Committee of four members to be elected at the first regular meeting after each convention of the United Synod.

4. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually pertain to their respective offices. The superintendent shall have charge of the printing, shall keep a supply of general Church literature when found advisable, and under the Executive Committee shall have general charge of the business interests of the Board.

5. The Executive Committee, shall have general control of the interests of the Board, with authority to make contracts and to fill vacancies.

6. An Editorial Committee consisting of five persons, shall be appointed to examine all manuscripts offered for publication at the expense of the Board, and their unanimous approval of any manuscript must precede its acceptance. Furthermore, the Superintendent shall refer all doubtful matters in relation to manuscripts to the Editorial Committee.

7. Full reports of the transactions and publications of the Board shall be submitted to the United Synod at its regular meetings.

By-Laws of the Lutheran Publication Board of the United Synod.

1. The Board shall meet as soon as practicable after their appointment at the call of the person first named by the Synod on the Board.

2. At such meeting the Board shall organize by the election from among its members of a Chairman, a Secretary, an Executive Committee, an Editing Committee, and a Superintendent—the members of the last committee and the Superintendent, need not all be members of the Board.

3. The Executive Committee and Editing Committee shall meet as soon thereafter as practicable on the call of the person first named, on each by the Board, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary from among their own members.

4. The Executive Committee shall meet semi-annually, at the call of the Chairman, as soon as convenient after the first days of January and June of each year.

5. Call meetings of the Board may be had at any time on the request of three members.

6. Call meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at any time on the call of the Chairman and Secretary thereof.

7. Meeting of the Editing Committee shall be had on the call of the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

8. The Superintendent shall act as Treasurer and Bookkeeper of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, and shall be ex-officio member of the Executive Committee without the privilege of voting.

9. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the financial matters of the Board: shall execute all contracts, the signatures of a majority being sufficient to bind the whole, and shall account by full report to the whole Board at each meeting.

10. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members of the Board.

Report of Superintendent of Lutheran Publication Board.

NEWBERRY, S. C., May 18, 1900.

Rev. V. R. Stickley, Chairman Lutheran Publication Board:

I beg to submit herewith my report as your Superintendent.

As you are aware, the operations of the Board have not been extensive, still we have kept the pledge not to involve the United Synod nor the Board in any financial obligations, and the amount of money to the credit of the Board has been obtained without risk or effort on the part of the Board. It is small, but it is a beginning, and to my mind, demonstrates the practicability of the establishment of a Lutheran Publication House in the South, on a paying basis for our Church. To do this, however, would require a concentration of our efforts and interests, and the hearty endorsement and the earnest and sincere co-operation of all our pastors and people of the several district synods of the United Synod. It is a sad commentary that a general body, with a membership of upwards of forty thousand communicants, does not have charge of its own Church literature. It could be made beneficial, not only on account of the influence for good which it would exert, but if properly and wisely managed, could be made a source of considerable revenue to the Church. The large publication houses of our Church North, made much smaller beginnings than we are able to make to-day. We are not lacking in opportunity, but it seems to me that we are slow to grasp opportunities, which await us on every side.

First. The Board secured the contract for the publication of the Book of Worship, and it has been published at a reduction in price to our people of about 25 per cent. below the former prices at which the book was sold, and we have paid a royalty to the Common Service Committee,

and to the Board as well. On the cloth book the Board decided to waive its royalty, and reduce the price to the purchaser, and it has been sold at 35 cents a copy, and out of this, the Common Service Committee has been paid a royalty of 3½ cents per copy. On all other books, the Board has been paid a royalty of 5 cents per copy. We began the sale of the books in October, 1898, and up to the first of May, 1900, we had sold 2,434 copies, and have paid the Common Service Committee, $106.52.

Second. The Southern Lutheran was turned over to the Board, and a commission of 5 per cent. of the gross receipts was given to the Board. In addition to this ten copies of the paper have been sent free to each mission of the United Synod.

Third. I made arrangements with the Elbert H. Aull Company, who own a printing establishment in Newberry, S. C., to pay to the Board a commission of 5 per cent. on the gross amounts received from any printing which it obtained through the influence of the Board, or me as superintendent.

Fourth. These have been our sources of income, and up to the first of May, 1900, when my report was closed, there was to the credit of the Board, the sum of $75.69. See report hereto attached.

Fifth. We have not undertaken the publication of any books, because it requires money and financial risk, to do this. We did print a little book of Poems, for Dr. E. A. Wingard, of Columbia, S. C., but it was printed for the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of which Dr. Wingard is Pastor, for a specified sum. We have just printed a book for Dr. Peery, (Lutherans in Japan), but I have assumed personally, the financial responsibility for it, and the Board will receive its usual commission, after the cost of publication has been paid, and the balance is to go, by direction of Dr. Peery, to the Board of Missions. If the edition is promptly sold, the Board of Missions will receive about $500.

Sixth. These statements cover, as briefly as I can state them, the operations of the Board, through me, as its superintendent, for the past two years.

Seventh. I have given my time and service without compensation, in the hope that we might be able to show to the Church in the South, the almost absolute importance and necessity of having on a firm and substantial basis, its own publication House, which is entirely practicable, but possible only on condition of a unification of our different publication interests, and a concentration of our efforts.

I have attended, on my own expense, as many of the Conventions of our District Synods as I could, and endeavored to arouse the Church to its duty in this matter. Many times I have been discouraged, and made to feel that the efforts of the Board, in the direction of establishing our own Publication House, were not appreciated, but so firmly am I con-

vinced in my own mind, of the importance of this work, to the growth and development of our Church in the South, that I have persevered, in the hope that the Synod and the Church might be aroused to see its opportunity and duty in this matter.

We need to be more progressive and aggressive, if our Church is to accomplish the mission which lies so plainly before it.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1898.				
Aug.	23	By com. Southern Lutheran	$	1 02
		" Southern Lutheran		1 49
		" Southern Lutheran		1 12
		" Southern Lutheran		79
Sept.	17	" Southern Lutheran		30
Oct.	5	" W. H. & F. M. S. N. C. Synod, minutes		1 17
	14	" Y. V. A. Riser		03
	31	" Southern Lutheran		41
Nov.	30	" 14 copies Book of Worship		70
	30	" Southern Lutheran		55
Dec.	10	" H. A. McCullough		13
	26	" H. J. Mathias		15
		" S. C. Synod, minutes		5 50
		" Ga. Synod, minutes		1 65
	31	" Southern Lutheran for December		32
		" 5 Sheep B. of W		25
		" 2 Arabesque plain		10
		" 7 Arabesque gilt		35
		" 1 English Turkey		05
		" 1 Turkey Morocco super extra gilt		05
		" 2 English Turkey comb		10
		" 2 English Calf comb		10
		" 2 Japanese Limp		10
1899.				
Jan.	31	Royalty on 25 copies B. of W.		1 25
		Com. Southern Lutheran Jan. '99		50
Feb.	28	" Southern Lutheran Feb. '99		90
		Royalty 31 copies B. of W		1 55
Mch.	31	Royalty 8 copies B. of W.		40
April	19	Royalty on Rev. R. L. Patterson		50
May	13	Com. Southern Lutheran for April, '99		70
June	16	" Southern Lutheran for May, '99		1 19
		" Minutes N. C. Synod		4 87
		" Catalogue H. N. Miller		2 70

June 30	Royalty 40 copies B. of W. April, May, and June		2 00
	" 5 " " " " " " " "		25
	com. Southern Lutheran for June		1 60
July 31	" 5 copies B. of W		25
	" Southern Lutheran July		1 43
Aug. 31	" Southern Lutheran August		86
	" 26 copies B. of W		1 30
Sep. 29	" 5 copies B. of W		25
	" Southern Lutheran for September		96
Oct. 31	" 22 copies B of W.		2 10
	" Southern Lutheran		75
Nov. 30	" Southern Lutheran		77
	" 4 copies B. of W		20
Dec. 30	" 49 copies B. of W		2 45
	" Rev. E. A. Wingard, Echoes		9 60
	" Ga. Minutes '99		1 60
	" S. C. Minutes '99		5 50
	" A. D. Haltiwanger		10
	" F. M. & M. Co		20
	" Southern Lutheran		55
1900.			
Jan. 31	" Southern Lutheran		40
	" 22 copies B. of W		1 10
Feb. 28	" 135 copies B. of W		6 75
Mar. 31	" 8 copies B. of W		40
April 30	" Southern Lutheran March and April		23
	" 62 copies B. of W		3 10
Total			$ 75 69

Respectfully submitted,

ELBERT H. AULL, *Superintendent.*

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and

Resolved, 2. That the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

Rev. L. A. Fox, Visiting Delegate to the General Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF VISITING DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Your Delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church attended the last convention held in York, Pa. He was introduced by Rev. Dr. D. M. Gilbert, the first President of our United Synod, and was most cordially received. He heard the discussion of the report on Ministerial Acts, and was impressed with the deep desire almost unanimously felt for common forms for the whole Church as a means of greater unity. The importance attached to the presence of Dr. J. A. Seiss as delegate from the General Council is significant of the change that has taken place during the last few years. Organic union may not be so far in the future as many of us feared.

The General Synod is a representative of a form of our Church life in its practical activities that is worthy of imitation. The last convention was largely composed of conservative men, and was an able and dignified body. The Synod as a whole, while becoming more fully conscious of its inheritance from the sixteenth century, is not growing less zealous doing the work of the Lord. The most decided Confessional Lutheranism is being developed along with increasing efforts in all the operations of the Church. A delegate to this convention of our Synod was appointed, but he has not yet arrived.

L. A. FOX.

The Secretary presented the following report:

REPORT OF SECRETARY,

I beg leave to report that in accordance with the action of the former convention of this body, I had printed and distributed 2,500 copies of the Minutes. The cost of printing and distributing was $161.86. Owing to the late date at which the bill was submitted by the printers, it was impossible for me to arrange for the payment of the entire amount. Only $121.61 has been paid, leaving a balance due Messrs. Henkel & Co. of $40.25.

Respectfully submitted,
M G. G. SCHERER, *Secretary.*

The report was received and adopted.

On motion, the balance due Messrs. Henkel & Co. for printing and distributing Minutes was ordered to be paid.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 3,500 copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed and distributed.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to make a pro

rata apportionment among the district synods of the amount that may be needed to pay for printing and distributing the Minutes, and also to pay the balance due Messrs. Henkel & Co.

The Committee on Church Literature presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

This is pre-eminently an age of reading. The world is flooded with literature, the effect of which is not helpful, and in many cases is wholly pernicious. One of the duties of the Church is the recognition of the need of its people of a pure and helpful literature.

It is a cause for congratulation that our body does recognize this fact and by its establishment of a Board of Publication, by the publication of such books as Dr. Peery's "Lutherans in Japan" and Dr. E. A. Wingard's "Echoes and other Poems," seeks to meet this need of our people.

It is to be hoped that the possession of our own Publication Board will stimulate all of our ministers and laymen, who have the talent of authorship, to aid in this great work by personal contributions in the columns of our Church papers and by the writing of helpful books.

W. L. SEABROOK,
M. M. KINARD.
V. R. STICKLEY.
G. B. CROMER.
C. M. EFIRD.
G. H. SNARR.

The following were elected as delegates to other general bodies:

To the General Synod—Rev. L. E. Busby, principal; Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., alternate.

To the General Council—Rev. W. L. Seabrook, principal; Rev. J. A. Morehead, alternate.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to procure a seal for this body with the corporate name of this Synod encircling the following words and figures:

Organized 1886.
Incorporated 1890.

Synod adjourned to meet in business session at 8.30 to-night. Prayer by Rev. C. E. King.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Derrick.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the janitor $5 for his services during the sessions of this Synod.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions presented the following report, which was received to be considered by items:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to say that only two papers have been put in our hands.

1. The first is a "Memorial on a Temperance Sabbath," sent by a representative of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, asking that in accordance with the plan proposed by the London Sabbath School Union we secure the observance of the fourth Sunday in November.

We desire simply to call the attention of our pastors and leave the observance to their own individual judgment.

2. The second is a most cordial invitation to this body to hold its next Convention in St. John's Church, Charleston, S C. All the Lutherans of Charleston unite in this invitation and earnestly hope that it may be accepted.

We would gratefully acknowledge this kind invitation and would recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX
L. E. BUSBY.
J. A. B. SCHERER.
J. E. COOPER.
C. D. BARRINGER.
J. M. GNANN.

Items 1, 2. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Secretary $25 for his services.

St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C., was selected as the place for the next meeting, and Wednesday before the second Sunday in May, 1902, as the time.

The Committee to Prepare Blank Form for Parochial Statis-

tics offered the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO PREPARE FORM FOR PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.

We, your Committee appointed to prepare a Form of Parochial Reports for the synods composing this body, beg leave to submit the following:

[See Statistical Report in these Minutes.]

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. BALLENTINE.
C. B. KING.
J. J. SCHERER.
J. L. DERRICK.
L. L. SMITH.
E. H. KOHN.
J. S. ELMORE.
SAMUEL BOOHER.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have printed and to keep on hands a sufficient number of these blank forms for the use of district synods.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

This Synod extends its cordial thanks to the Rev. W. A. Lutz and to the congregation of Augsburg Church for the numerous marked courtesies extended to this body during our enjoyment of their delightful hospitality.

The Synod further extends its hearty thanks to the people of Winston-Salem, who have contributed to our entertainment, especially to the Principal of the Salem Academy, the hotels, and to the pastors and mayor for their eloquent messages.

The Committee to Nominate a Board of Publication presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

We, your Committee to Nominate a Board of Publication present the following names:

Revs. V. R. Stickley, F. V. N. Painter, C. A. Freed, M. M. Kinard,

M. J. Epting, J. A. B. Scherer, and Messrs. A. H. Kohn, A. G. Wise, J. W. Eargle. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HORINE.
M. O. J. KREPS.
C. A. MARKS.

Rev. J. W. Horine was appointed visitor to Elizabeth College.

The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. S. Elmore.

NINTH SESSION

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

SUNDAY, 5 P. M.

At 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon the Synod met, according to resolution, to hold a service in memory of the late Rev. H. S. Wingard, D. D., Vice-President of the body.

Prayer was offered by Rev. S. T. Hallman, Rev. J. H. Wilson presiding.

Appropriate addresses were made by Revs. J. H. Wilson, A. G. Voigt, S. T. Hallman, J. S. Elmore, W. C. Schaeffer.

The following memoir and resolutions were presented by the Committee:

[See memoir page.]

The Synod was formally adjourned according to the usage of the Church.

I testify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Seventh Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

M. G. G. SCHERER, *Secretary.*

REV. H. S. WINGARD, D. D.

Rev. H. S. Wingard, D. D., of Springfield, Ga., fell asleep in Jesus, December 1st, 1899, in the 56th year of his age. He graduated from Newberry College in class of 1870, and from the Theological Seminary, June, 1868. He served charges in Newberry, Prosperity, St. Luke's, Colony, and Pomaria, South Carolina, and finally The Bethel charge, in Georgia, of which he was Pastor at the time of his death. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Newberry College.

Whereas, our beloved Brother filled important stations in the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, as well as the United Synod of the South, being at the time of his death Vice-President of this body and President of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Peasant, Charleston, South Carolina, and

Whereas, he filled all said positions with faithfulness and signal ability, with humility and sublime faith in God. Therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we feel, that God has taken him from us, in the prime of a glorious manhood, and from a noble career in the Church of God to serve Him in the land where is no death.

Resolved, 2nd. That though we sadly miss his cheerful countenance and wise counsel here, we reverently bow to the will of our Father, knowing that heaven is all the brighter for his presence there.

Resolved, 3rd. That we tender his widow and children our profound sympathies, in this sore bereavement and commend them to the grace and love of God, which Husband and Father so ably preached to others while he lived.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. SCHAEFFER.
J. S. ELMORE.
J. H. WILSON.
GEO. B. CROMER.

DIVINE SERVICES.

Wednesday—8:30 p. m. Addresses on Christian Education by Revs. J. B. Greever and R. A. Yoder.

Thursday—8:30 p. m. Addresses on Home Missions by Revs. A. G. Voigt and President Geo. B. Cromer.

Friday—8:30 p. m. Addresses on Foreign Missions by Revs. J. W. Horine and C. K. Lippard.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.

Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D.; 8:30 p. m., Rev. J. H. Wilson.

Centenary Methodist—11 a. m., Rev. W. L. Seabrook; 8:30 p. m., Rev. J. W. Horine.

Burkhead Methodist—11 a. m., Rev. A. R. Beck.

Grace Methodist—8:30 p. m., Rev. A. R. Beck.

Baptist—11 a. m., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., Rev. C. A. Freed.

Disciples—11 a. m., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer; 8:30 p. m., Rev. J. L. Derrick.

Moravian—11 a. m., Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger.

Methodist Protestant—11 a. m., Rev. M. O. J Kreps; 8:30 p. m., Rev. J. A. Cromer.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORT.

Index Number.	Name of Pastor.	Date of Ordination.	Name of Pastorate.	Names of Congregations.	PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.																				
					Number of Churches.	Number of Stations.	Enrolled Communicant Membership.	Resident Communicant Membership.	Number of Members Communing During Yr.	Resident Families Represented.	Baptized Children, not Confirmed.	Catechumens, not Confirmed.	Students for the Ministry.	Accessions.						Losses.			
														Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Transfers from Lutheran Congregations.	Transfers from Other Denominat's.	Restorations.	Deaths.	Transfers.	Lapses and Removals.	Exclusions.
1	North Carolina Synod				35	2	8167							255	7	210	113		13	67	93	29	
2	Tennessee Synod				84		8148				3634			389	25	300	94		4	143	45		2
3	South Carolina Synod				63	4	8421							417	32	215	97			175	109		4
4	Virginia Synod				71	18	6254							170	122	168	111		16	71	59	29	
5	Southwest Virginia Synod				58	17	4275							106	33	52	35			54	40	6	
6	Mississippi Synod				13		648							7	6	6	7			7	1		
7	Georgia Synod				20		2357							94	10	64	46			36	19		
8	Holston Synod				21	2	1189							99	6	46	2			34	3	18	
	Totals				365	43	39459				3634			1537	241	1061	505		33	587	369	82	6

To fill this report out accurately and fully, will require full and accurate congregational records, and much care and work. Yet it is a solemn duty which no one dares ignore or treat lightly.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

Index Number.	LOCAL.					BENEFICENCE.												
	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Paid on Pastor's Salary.	Expenditures on Church, Parsonage and School Properties.	All Other Local Expenditures.	Orphan Home (Money and Gifts.)	Church Extension.	Theological Seminary.	Colleges.	Beneficiary Education.	Synodical and Conference Home Missions.	United Synod. Home Missions.	United Synod. Foreign Missions.	Aged Ministers and Ministers' Widows.	Synodical Expenses.	For Relef of the Poor, and all External Objects.	Total Beneficence.	Grand Total.
1	$178159	$5150 00	.....	.....	19679 80	$340 22	$50 00	.....	.....	$190 68	.....	$351 00	$215 40	.....	$355 61	$459 56	$2848 25	$22677 1
2	.....	.....	$8102 71	$2042 71	.....	64 04	222 75	.....	$800 60	.....	$648 56	22 17	13 65	.....	678 20	.....	4167 64	14312 86
3	263702	19448 55	.....	.....	27826 72	298 02	.....	.....	386 75	718 88	.....	446 58	331 56	$285 50	1413 30	2022 55	6551 86	34384 58
4	245906	10510 00	.....	.....	23540 44	511 45	.....	.....	.....	214 39	.....	1522 23	1669 18	.....	392 75	511 01	.....	.....
5	85200	22852 00	.....	.....	10505 70	599 14	24 69	$38 49	.....	25 68	.....	218 20	170 44	52 00	718 39	94 44	2712 70	13963 32
6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	12 05	.....	28 05	3 35	.....	21 30	.....	.....	.....
7	140440	.....	.....	.....	10906 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	260 16	149 30	.....	170 78	297 72	939 63	12110 95
8	28350	1630 00	.....	.....	2088 09	38 45	51 67	21 20	.....	.....	.....	78 27	42 67	.....	54 97	33 70	369 20	2590 05
	941757	59590 55	8102 51	2042 71	94547 45	1852 32	349 11	59 69	1187 35	1162 18	648 56	2026 66	2595 55	337 50	3805 30	3419 08	17589 28	100038 92

All financial work of the congregation, including that of Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies, Woman's Societies, Children's Societies, special collections, etc., must be reported under "Financial Statistics."

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICAL REPORT—Continued.

STATISTICS OF SOCIETIES.

Index Number.	Sunday Schools.						Young People's Societies.				Woman's Missionary Societies.			Children's Miss'y Soc'es.		
	Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers (Lutheran).	Scholars (Lutheran).	Contributions for the Support of School and all Local Objects.	Contributions for Beneficence.	Number of Organizations.	Number of Members.	Contributions for Local Objects.	Contributions for Beneficence.	Number of Organizations.	Number of Members.	Contributions for Missions.	Number of Organizations.	Number of Members.	Contributions for Missions.
1	35	..	486	4234	$1354 00	$156 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$709 08	.....	.....	.....
2	70	..	368	4186	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	63	..	645	5004	2408 85	3212 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865 94	.....	.....	.....
4	70	..	771	5318	1402 56	1361 86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	46	..	561	3045	644 40	73 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	650 63	.....	.....	.....
6	4	..	16	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Place—St. Matthew's and Immanuel Churches, New Market, Va.

Time—Wednesday before the second Sunday in July, 1904.

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The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C., on Wednesday, May 7, 1902 at 11 o'clock, A. M., and began the exercises of its eighth regular session.

The altar service was conducted by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer after which the Synodical Sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Greiner, President, from John 9:4.

The Holy Communion was then administered to the members of Synod, Confessional and Communion Service conducted by Rev. G. D. Bernheim.

The Synod was then formally opened and the delegates from the district Synods were duly enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

North Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. A. G. Voigt, D. D., R. C. Holland, D. D., Chas. B. King, G. D. Bernheim, D. D., C. B. Miller, V. G. Boozer, L. E. Busby, D. D., J. Q. Wertz, and C. L. T. Fisher.

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Tennessee Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. W. A. Deaton, R. A. Yoder, D. D., J. C. Moser, D. D., Wm. L. Darr, E. H. Kohn, A. R. Beck, J. A. Cromer, and *J. Allen Arndt.

LAY—Messrs. Silas Smyre, *J. M. Arndt, *W. L. Plonk, Hon. D. F. Efird, Dr. C. O. Miller.

South Carolina Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. C. P. Boozer, J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., J. H. Wilson, J. W. Horine, S. T. Hallman, D. D., M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Z. W. Bedenbaugh, M. O. J. Kreps, S. C. Ballentine, and C. E. Weltner.

LAY—Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D., Wm. P. Houseal, Hon. Jno. F. Ficken, Hon. Jno. C. Seegers, Hon. J. D. Cappelman, A. H. Kohn, J. C. Swygert, C. Ehrhardt, J. W. Jenny, and Dr. E. N. Kibler.

Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. L. L. Smith, C. A. Freed, C. A. Marks, J. A. Snyder, D. D., H. Max Lentz, W. P. Huddle, and Geo. A. Riser.

LAY—Messrs. J. E. Cooper, S. R. Hoover, J. W. Eberly, and H. L. Snyder.

Southwest Virginia Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. J. B. Greiner, D. D., J. J. Scherer, D. D., L. G. M. Miller, D. D., A. Phillippi, D. D., and L. A. Fox, D. D.

LAY—Messrs. R. W. Kime, J. S. Ether.

Mississippi Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. J. L. Derrick and *L. P. Boland.

Georgia Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., J. S. Elmore, and S. S. Rahn, D. D.

LAY—Messrs. E. C. Swygert, Dr. B. T. Wise, and J. M. Gnann.

Holston Synod.

CLERICAL—Revs. C. Brown Cox, and F. M. Harr.
LAY—Messrs *J. A. Henson, and *L. L. Nease.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BRETHREN OF THE UNITED SYNOD: As we rejoice under the favorable condition of our present meeting and consider, with much satisfaction, what has been done since holding our last convention, we are impressed with the fact that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us." As we look to future work and plan how to do, we also bear in mind that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build."

Heartily believing that the foundation of our church is laid in the truth of God's Word, we press forward under all discouragements, and "in the morning sow our seed and in the evening withhold not our hand," confident that He, who has commenced the good work, will finish the same.

The mistakes and delays of former years should make us more thoughtful, and the success attained should strengthen us for greater effort.

Holding fresh in memory the mutual confidence and courtesy of our former sessions and praying Divine blessing upon our deliberations, let us carefully consider matters now needing our attention.

EXTENT OF OUR WORK.

A few years since, the thought and effort of the United Synod were confined chiefly to its missions, and that Board was the one active agent of the Synod; but now our work has so enlarged that not only missions but the Orphan Home, Theological Seminary, Board of Publication, Literary Institutions, Church Extension and Co-operation are claiming our attention.

As their interests are so largely in the hands of the several committees, it is important that they continue in harmony, and, in order that there may be no clash or interruption in these operations, it is suggested that an understanding be reached in the beginning of each biennium, as to the order and time when the claims of each department of our work shall be laid before the church, and that it be with the consent of each Board concerned that a man be called from the work of one to that of the other.

*Absent.

REV. SOCRATES HENKEL, D. D.

In all our Synods many valuable members have been removed by death, yet it is impossible to give them the notice they deserve, but it is here recommended that the Synod take notice of the fact that on the 20th of June, 1901, our Southern Church suffered a heavy loss in the death of Rev. Socrates Henkel, D. D., of New Market, Va. For years his influence was felt throughout our borders in the effort to strengthen the church upon its confessional basis, and he was closely identified with us in being chairman of the committee that presented the Basis of Union of the United Synod at the Diet held at Salisbury in 1884.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

For the past two years the Theological Seminary has held the chief place in our thoughts. The effort to raise $30,000 of the $50,000 endowment fund has resulted in securing nearly $23,000.

A most pleasant fact in the matter is that this sum is a free-will offering, for the people had a mind to give. The appreciation of the Synod is due Rev. Dr. Holland and the committee in charge and the several Synodical committees for their untiring devotion to the work. It is a matter of deep regret that the President of the Seminary, Rev. J. A. Morehead, was forced by ill health to retire for a time from duty, but it is, also, a matter of congratulation that a second professor was at once secured, who was so well fitted, with the remaining faculty to meet the demands of the class room.

The thanks of the Synod are due the pastors in Charleston who gave such efficient help. The necessity for such an institution and its success are shown in the fact that during the two years of its present location, twenty students have been in attendance distributed among the Synods as follows:

North Carolina	7
South Carolina	4
Tennessee	5
Southwest Virginia	2
Georgia	2

Of these the present graduating class numbers ten, who will immediately enter upon pastoral work within our bounds.

ORPHAN HOME.

The interests of the Orphan Home are pressing upon our attention, and the report of its condition will excite our hearty aid in securing for it buildings and a sufficient support. This is the one family of the United Synod and each congregation and person should be on record as helping in

its work. During the past eight years sixty-eight homeless children have been cared for and at present thirty-nine are in the Home.

MISSIONS.

No special facts relating to mission work are at hand, outside of those covered by the regular report. Several places vacant for a part of last year, are now supplied; the successful ongoing of the whole work and the brightening of church prospects in the different Synods, encourage us to extended efforts. The Synod should consider whether the necessity exists for a separate Board for the home and the foreign work.

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

An examination of the catalogues and reports of our various Literary Institutions shows that in their equipment, the character and extent of their course of study, the ability and reputation of their faculties, they are equal to any in the advantages offered for an education, and need only to be sustained to become a strong element in our success. Remove from the United Synod the men who are and have been in its work, that have been trained in our Southern Colleges, then only can we estimate their value to the church. A pleasant feature in this connection is the continued advancement in the course of study; the time given to Bible work and in some cases to the distinctive literature of the Church.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The reports that have come to us from the second meeting of the General Conference of the General Synod, General Council, and our United Synod, are very favorable as to its successful character. The fact that the subjects and the discussions went beyond methods of work and included some of the chief doctrinal questions, which were considered pleasantly and harmoniously, is a comforting assurance of a better understanding where differences once existed.

The influential standing of our representatives in that meeting is creditable to themselves and to us.

You should provide, now, for another such meeting, in case any be called.

PUBLICATION HOUSE.

Sufficient information has not been received to give advice in the work of our Publication House, but the Synod should be prompt in any means to enlarge its usefulness and extend its influence in the church.

OUR PRESENT CONDITION AS TO CONGREGATIONS.

An examination of the minutes of the different Synods for the past two years brings before us their working and spiritual state and reveals con-

ditions needing attention as well as points of strength. The report on the State of the Church is always the most important brought before a Synod for in it we see the pulsations of its spiritual life, whether weak or strong. I lay before you some points of weakness and of strength, some found in one congregation and some in another.

1. Points that need to be strengthened:

(a) Our Church institutions are not sustained by the full patronage of the Church. Cheaper rates prevailing elsewhere, induce parents to send to other schools and our young people lose much in the training and power of Church life, which may be found in our Church institutions which become embarrassed by this withheld patronage.

(b) Church literature,—papers, books, periodicals are not widely distributed in some localities. Ignorance is the bane of solid Christian life and pastors can do no more necessary work than to increase the means of Church information among their people by providing canvassers for our literature in their congregations.

(c) In many places catechetical instruction is irregular or wholly wanting. Earnest effort should always be made for the gathering of people into the Church, but they need not only to be enrolled, but to be instructed, for by that means spiritual life is to be developed. In searching for the cause of this decline in catechetical teaching in some places, we often must lay the blame in the family. Pastors cannot reach the young people whose parents are indifferent or do not require their children to attend religious instruction.

(d) The slow growth of Christian life reported in some Churches is due to the low spiritual state of the membership. We need everywhere a quickening of faith and love for where these burn in the heart, the life will be earnest to God.

2. Points of strength:

(a) Is the increase in our beneficent work over other years. The contributions to one object may not be so large as formerly but, when we consider the greater number of objects and the clear division between them we find that the liberality of the Church has increased.

(b) The women's work is showing itself of immense value in our Southern Church and their systematic methods bring before us the power of organized effort in developing a great strength which was so long disregarded.

(c) We find increased activity in Christian work. The Sunday School cause stands forward today in the Synods as never before. Many congregations which, two years ago, had no regular method for gathering funds, are now operating a financial system.

(d) The reported increased attendance at Church services in so many

places; the close attention to the Word and Sacraments; the growing interest in young people's societies, and congregations adapting themselves to a more churchly attitude towards doctrine and practice,—all these indicate a solid basis for hope and work.

SUGGESTIONS.

The following suggestions are laid before you:

(a) That the trustees of the Orphan Home be nominated and elected by the United Synod at the beginning of each biennium; they choosing their own officers and executive committee. Feeling their close connection with the United Synod, they will be impressed with increased responsibility and interest.

(b) That a Book Depository be opend in each Synod for the sale of the works of the Board of Publication, if it so desires.

(c) That a copy of the Minutes of each Synod and a catalogue of our literary institutions be sent each year to the President of the United Synod.

(d) As the records and documents of each congregation and Synod as well as the memoirs of distinguished members are often uncared for but will be valuable as historic matter, it is suggested that each Synod have an Archivarius who shall file and preserve all important papers, minutes and histories of congregations, conferences and individuals placed in his hands, as the property of the Synod. Also, that the Secretary of the United Synod secure and have bound its Minutes together with those of the former Southern General Synod and the proceedings of the preceding Diets, and file such other papers as may be of future value.

(e) That the Synod consider the advisability of accepting the *Southern Lutheran* as a Sunday School and Missionary paper. This and our Church papers are most important helps in our work, and in their regular coming they bring information and encouragement into families that are often cut off from public service or pastoral attention, and become educators of the whole Church. In this connection it is in place to suggest that the utmost care be used in the selection of Sunday School libraries and lesson helps.

A positive, substantial Christianity cannot be established by loose or indefinite outside Church teaching. We lose everything by a luke-warm Church attachment, and only by strictly denominational literature in Sunday Schools, societies and congregations can we train our people to an unmoved fidelity to the Church.

The world is calling upon the Church to be more liberal in the requirements of Christian living, but this cannot be done without endangering spiritual Church life. The distinction between strict, clearly defined and

loose doctrine, between sound and doubtful practice, confessional and individual views, must be carefully made and, in so doing we need not vague, general terms, but teaching within denominational lines.

(f) During the year a suggestion appeared in one of our Church papers, that there might be practical co-operation in mission work on the part of the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod of the South, along the lower Mississippi and the Southwest part of our territory. The importance of such work in that section and the insufficiency of our means, as to men and money, should move us to a favorable consideration of such co-operation if the opportunity comes.

Now, brethren of the Synod, I thank you most heartily for the honor,—and I received it as a very high one,—of being your President for four years.

I appreciate the patience and kindness shown me and pray that Divine wisdom may guide us in all our ways.

Fraternally,

J. B. GREINER.

The following officers were elected:

Rev. R. A. Yoder, President.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, Vice-President.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary.

Hon. C. H. Duls, Treasurer.

The hours of daily sessions were fixed from 9:30 A. M. to 2 P. M. From 4:30 to 6:30 P. M. and 8:30 P. M.

It was resolved to hear the report of the Board of Missions as the special order tomorrow morning.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. H. Wilson.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 4:30 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. P. Huddle.

Rev. R. E. McDaniel, Ph.D., of the Pittsburgh Synod (General Council) was received as an advisory member; and, on motion, all visiting Lutheran ministers, on presenting their names to the Secretary, will be recognized and their names

recorded.

The Treasurer's Report was received and referred to the proper committee.

On motion, Synod passed to the order fixing the place of the next regular meeting of this body, and St. Matthews and Immanuel Lutheran churches, New Market, Va., were chosen jointly as the place. The following committee was appointed to report on the time of meeting: Revs. E. H. Kohn, J. A. Snyder, J. J. Scherer, A. G. Voigt, J. H. Wilson, J. S. Elmore and F. M. Harr.

The reception of delegates from other Synods was fixed for tomorrow morning.

The following committees were appointed:

STANDING COMMITTEES

The following standing committees were appointed by the President:

1. *On President's Report*—Revs. J. H. Wilson, W. A. Deaton, J. Q. Wertz, J. A. Snyder, L. G. M. Miller, S. S. Rahn, and C. B. Cox, with Edgar Bowers.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod*—Revs. A. G. Voigt, A. R. Beck, C. P. Boozer, C. A. Marks, and Mr. Jno. A. Cline.

3. *On District Synods*—Revs. J. C. Moser, J. W. Horine, C. B. Miller, and Hon. Jno. F. Ficken.

4. *On State of the Church*—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, L. L. Smith, S. C. Ballentine, J. S. Elmore, and Mr. J. E. Cooper.

5. *Devotional Exercises*—Pastor Loci and officers of Synod.

6. *On Theological Seminary*—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, M. M. Kinard, S. S. Rahn, V. Y. Boozer, C. A. Freed, and Mr. A. H. Kohn.

7. *On Literary Institutions*—Revs. R. C. Holland, J. J. Scherer, S. T. Hallman, M. O. J. Kreps, and Messrs. J. W. Eberly and C. O. Miller.

8. *On Missions*—Revs. L. A. Fox, C. B. Cox, H. Max Lentz, and R. C. Holland.

9. To Audit Treasurer's Report—Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, D. F. Efird, and Jno. F. Ficken.

10 On Letters and Petitions—Revs. E. H. Kohn, J. W. Horine, and J. D. Chappleman, Esq.

11. On Church Literature—Revs. J. A. B. Scherer, M. M. Kinard, and C. B. King.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. H. Wilson.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 8, 9:30 A. M.

Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion, the names of all delegates elect to this convention of Synod were recorded and the absentees noted.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES FROM OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., was received as the Official Visitor from the General Council to this body. He presented the fraternal greetings of that Synod, and was cordially welcomed by the President.

Upon request, Rev. R. C. Holland responded in pleasing terms to the interesting address of Dr. Horn.

Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., fraternal delegate from the General Synod of the United States, was received. He presented the fraternal greetings of his Synod, and was cordially welcomed.

Rev. W. L. Seabrook was requested to respond to the excellent address of Dr. Dunbar, which he did in appropriate terms.

Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., field agent of the American Bible Society, was recognized and invited to address Synod at 11 A. M. tomorrow.

On motion, the special order for tomorrow morning will be the South View Orphan Home.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we are thankful for the little part our limited resources and abilities permitted us to take in co-operating with the General Council and General Synod in the North in the past; and that we hereby assure our brethren of these bodies that we are ready, without making or asking any sacrifice of principles or interest, to continue and enlarge our efforts to serve in every possible way the common interest of our dear Lutheran Church.

The report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION FROM MAY 20, 1900, TO MAY 7, 1902

At the meeting of the United Synod in Winston, N. C., May 16–20, 1900, the present Board of Missions, which had been in office since 1895, was re-elected, Rev. E. H. Kohn being substituted in place of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, and J. W. Eberly, Esq., in place of J. A. Alexander, Esq. The Board as elected is composed of the following persons: Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., L. L. Smith, W. L. Seabrook, and E. H. Kohn, and J. E. Cooper, Esq., Hon. G. M. Beltzhoover, and J. W. Eberly, Esq.

During the meeting of the United Synod in Winston the members of the Board who were in attendance were entertained together, and frequent conferences on the work could therefore be held, and plans for the future were much discussed. After the election of the Board for the ensuing two years a meeting for organization was held. Rev. L. L. Smith was elected president. Mr. J. E. Cooper, who had so efficiently served as treasurer for the past four and one-half years, asked to be retired because of the press of other duties, and with deep regret the Board acceded to his request. J. W. Eberly, Esq., of Strasburg, Va., was elected Treasurer of the Board. Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., was re-elected Secretary and General Secretary. Revs. L. L. Smith and W. L. Seabrook, and Messrs. Cooper and Eberly were constituted an Executive Committee.

Since the last meeting of the United Synod three regular Board meetings have been held: one at Winston, N. C., May 19, 1900; at Shepherdstown, W. Va., August 7, 1900; and at Strasburg, Va., April 8, 1902. Meetings of the Executive Committee have been held frequently, as the needs of the work have demanded.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

Our General Secretary has continued to make Atlanta, Ga., his headquarters, and in addition to his other work he has ministered to the congregation at that point. He has annually visited the district synods and the women's conventions, and when necessary he has visited the mission churches under the care of the Board. He has attended and kept a record of Board meetings, he has received the monthly reports from the home missionaries, and attended to the correspondence with them and other pastors, and he has kept in touch at all times by full correspondence and reports with the Executive Committee of the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations, adopted by the United Synod, have guided us in our work during the past two years:

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $4,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whit Sunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

5. That each district synod be requested to print, in separate columns of their parochial tables, the several amounts which are asked from each congregation belonging to this United Synod for the home and foreign work of the Board of Missions.

These recommendations have been annually most cordially endorsed by seven of the district synods. The narrative of the Board's proceedings and work herewith presented will show to what extent they have been carried out. In order to raise their proportionate amounts of the $8,000 for Home Missions and $4,500 for Foreign Missions, annually, these seven district synods have, according to the Board's request, apportioned their individual amounts among their congregations, and they have printed an itemized statement of congregational apportionments in their synodical minutes each year. Pastors have been regularly asked to make prompt collections, and our Treasurer has made monthly statements in the church papers of all money sent to him.

It is with regret that we must again report deficiencies in the amounts

expected to be raised, especially for Home Missions. It is possible that a part of the deficiency in our treasury for the past two years may have been caused by the extra and successful effort which has been made to collect money from the Church at large for the Seminary Endowment. We say this with no feeling of jealousy toward this other very worthy cause, but rather with the feeling toward our churches as expressed by the Scripture, this "ought ye to have done, but not to leave the other undone." A part of this deficiency is caused, as will be noted from the Treasurer's report, by the fact that the numerically strongest synod within our bounds has paid but a small amount of its apportionment. We refer to the Tennessee Synod, which has not gone further than simply to commend to the pastors and people of that synod the mission work of the United Synod, with the request to endeavor to raise the amounts recommended by the United Synod. This action is to be explained by the peculiar relation which exists between this synod and the United Synod, and the additional fact that this Board has not yet seen its way clear to take up any missions within the bounds of the Tennessee Synod. Negotiations looking to this end have been in progress during the past year, and it is to be hoped that some arrangement will soon be effected whereby the Board will be able to take this step.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

The Women's Conventions, representing the societies of the North and South Carolina and the Southwestern Virginia Synods, have continued to faithfully co-operate with the Board. They have each paid one-third of the salary of $1,050 annually of our foreign missionary, Rev. C. L. Brown, and they have paid about an equal amount into our treasury for Home Missions. The local societies have been vigorously kept up, and the annual conventions are a feature of the church year in these synods. Much interest is manifested in these women's conventions, excellent programs are carried out at them, and much good we believe is being done by them.

Under the direction of these conventions the missionary department of the *Lutheran Visitor* has been kept up, in which interesting reports and articles are regularly printed for general information and encouragement.

In specially mentioning the work of these organized Women's Societies and Conventions we do not wish to appear to overlook the many other noble women who are working for missions, but whose contributions do not reach us specially designated as coming from women.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.

The effort to organize Children's Societies in our congregations, to aid

in the work of the United Synod's missions, has not resulted as successfully as perhaps might have been desired. Some congregations have organized Children's Societies, while in many others children are doing mission work who are not regularly organized into societies. Some money comes into our treasury from the children which is used in the general home work. In the foreign work two native helpers are supported by the children of the Southwestern Virginia and the North Carolina Synods, the societies of each Synod designating $100 a year for this object. One Sunday School of the former Synod raises about $50 a year for this purpose, which fact is mentioned simply to show what could be done if this heretofore almost unused force of our Church were properly utilized. This Board desires that the children of our Church shall be more thoroughly instructed and better organized for mission work. We are anxious that pastors shall adopt the recommendation on this subject suggested by the Board, or some other good plan, to secure their co-operation. In order to insure more interest in this matter, and larger results, the policy of designating some special point in the home field, and some special feature of the foreign work, as the "children's work," will be strongly urged on the Board to be elected at this meeting.

THE SOUTHERN LUTHERAN.

For several years past a small paper, known as the *Southern Lutheran*, has been published by individuals, largely in the interests of the young people and mission work in the South. Mr. E. H. Aull, the publisher, has for some years furnished gratuitously ten copies monthly of this paper to each of our mission congregations. At its last meeting the Board adopted a resolution of thanks for this generous act, and we herewith desire to make this public recognition of the same.

HOME MISSIONS.

As the Home Mission work of the Board is scattered within the bounds of different district synods we give herewith, for general information, the following details: The figures used are from the last reports of the missionaries, these reports being rendered monthly to the Board.

Missions in the Virginia Synod.

FIRST CHURCH, RICHMOND, VA.

No material change has taken place in the affairs of this mission since our last report to this Synod. Rev. C. A. Marks has continued to serve faithfully the congregation, which now has a membership of 324 with 161 scholars in the Sunday School. The salary of $900 a year has been promptly paid in full by the congregation. The debt of $4,800 has not

been reduced, but the interest on same has been regularly paid, largely by the rent from the vacant portion of the church lot, and the balance from the treasury of the Board. The interest on the $2,500, which is owed to the Virginia Synod, is paid yearly by that synod itself. A price of $25,000 has been put upon this property by the Board, and if this amount can be secured the church lot will be sold, the debts paid off, and a new location for a church will be selected.

NORFOLK, VA.

The work in Norfolk continues in a very gratifying condition. There are at present 137 members in the congregation and 64 in the Sunday School. In the latter part of 1901, the Rev. J. E. Shenk, who had so successfully served this congregation almost from the beginning, offered his resignation, in order to accept work in another field of labor. The resignation was accepted with regret by the congregation and the Board.

The Rev. Wilber H. Riser was called to this work, and he took charge January 1, 1902. At this point the payment of the Board on salary has been decreased to $20 a month. The debt on the congregation has been reduced to less than $1,000, and it is our earnest hope that it will soon be entirely paid, so that this church may become self-sustaining.

TRINITY MISSION, RICHMOND, VA.

In accordance with the policy outlined in our report two years ago, Trinity mission has been practically abandoned, although a small Sunday School has been continued at this point up to this time. In order to satisfy the claim of $800, held against it by the Church Extension Society of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, this property was put up at auction about one year ago. It was bid in for the society for $450, and is now being offered for sale by that body.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

During the past two years there has been a net gain of 20 members in this mission, and the enrolment is now 85 members, with 102 in the Sunday School. The attendance at the church services is good and interesting, the last report showing the highest average in the history of the congregation. All current and synodical obligations, including an insurance bill of $99 and a debt on pews of $350, have been fully met, and the payment on salary has been increased. For all purposes during the past year $1,009 was raised by the congregation. The interest bearing debt of $4,000 has not been decreased, but the interest is kept paid up by the congregation. At present the Board is obligated to this mission for $40 a month on salary. In the judgment of the missionary in

charge of this work, the Rev. E. A. Shenk, the outlook is very hopeful, and the prospects for steady and constant growth are good.

Missions in Southwestern Virginia Synod.

PULASKI AND RADFORD, VA.

Rev. J. A. Huffard having resigned these missions, a call was given to Rev. P. E. Monroe, who took charge in July of 1901. Since that time he has diligently prosecuted this work and with very gratifying success. At Pulaski there are now 53 members and 94 in the Sunday School. At Radford there are only 16 members, with 24 in the Sunday School. At this latter point some funds are in hand, and a balance is still to be collected from the sale of the old church, which are to be used to purchase another lot. It is hoped that a new church property can soon be secured. The payment by the Board on salary to these two points has been at the rate of $200 a year, but after May 1 this amount will be increased $50, making the payment $250 a year.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., AND TAZEWELL, VA.

Rev. W. H. Greever having resigned this pastorate it was found impossible for some time to secure his successor. Finally a temporary arrangement was made with Rev. W. C. Seidel, who has been on the field since December, 1901. According to special arrangement with him, the supplemental payment of the Board to these points is at the rate of $200 a year. The work at Bluefield has been somewhat retarded by removals of members and adverse local conditions, but it is hoped that it will soon again strengthen. The membership is 60, and 24 in the Sunday School. At Tazewell there is a small congregation of 16 Lutherans, and at present they have but one preaching service a month. From the sale of a former church building they have $1,200 in cash and $600 subscribed as the nucleus of a lot and building fund, and it is the expectation and hope that a church property will soon be secured.

GRAHAM, VA.

Rev. C. Willis Cassell making Graham his headquarters, and supplying the congregation there, has also operated through the nearby coal region, preaching regularly at Keystone and Arlington. At the two latter places the attendance averages from 25 to 75, and at Graham there are 74 members, with 50 in the Sunday School. This congregation still worships in the Wartburg Seminary property, which is owned jointly by the congregation and the Church Extension Society of the Southwestern Virginia Synod. The work in this coal field region is difficult, and it is of necessity slow in progress, but our missionary has been diligent and

self-sacrificing in his labors. To this work the Board pays at the rate of $225 per annum.

Missions in the Holston Synod.

GREENVILLE, TENN.

Soon after the last United Synod the Rev. C. Brown Cox was secured as pastor for the Greenville mission. The conditions in this mission since our last report have not materially changed. The congregation numbers 25, with 45 in the Sunday School, and the property is still obligated for a $600 debt. Rev. Mr. Cox, while faithfully serving this congregation, has regularly preached at two other appointments, which are included in the pastorate, but are not missions. Greenville is one of the most beautiful and prosperous towns of East Tennessee, it is on the main line of the Southern Railway, and it is important that our church there should be sustained. The Board pays on the Greenville salary at the rate of $120 a year.

MORRISTOWN AND MOHAWK, TENN.

These two towns are also on the Southern Railroad. The missions here are supplied by the Rev. Noah Bible, who also preaches at one established country congregation. In the Morristown congregation there are at present only 11 members, with 20 in the Sunday School. At Mohawk there are but 10 members. The Board pays $120 annually as a supplement to the salary of the pastorate. Little progress can be noted in this work, but credit must be given to the missionary for faithfulness, and because of the importance of the location and the promise of the future, we have felt that the ground must be held.

BRISTOL, TENN.

At this point, where a few years ago an unsuccessful attempt was made to conduct a mission, there is now a better prospect of success should the work be undertaken again. Quite a number of Lutherans having moved into the city, negotiations are pending looking to a reorganization of the work, either in connection with the Holston or the Southwestern Virginia Synod. A lack of means to support a missionary, and to vigorously push the work by furnishing a church building, has been the main obstacle to an organization before this time.

Missions in the North Carolina Synod.

WINSTON, N. C.

Soon after the adjournment of the last United Synod, Rev. W. A. Lutz resigned our mission at Winston. Rev. E. L. Folk of the Virginia Synod

was called, and he served the work until March 1, 1902. At that time he relinquished the mission to return to his former pastorate in Virginia. During the time he was in Winston Rev. Mr. Folk did faithful work, endeared himself to the congregation, and made many friends in the community.

An earnest effort is being made to secure a pastor for this mission, and the Board has agreed to supplement the salary by a payment of $300 for the present. A debt of about $600 still rests as an obligation upon this congregation. The membership is now 78, with 58 in the Sunday School.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Owing to the removal of prominent members of the Asheville mission, the resignation of the missionary, and the lack of funds to vigorously and successfully push the work, the Board has temporarily suspended operations at this point. We have not abandoned hope that at some future time we may be able to establish a Lutheran congregation in this city, and the outlook for our church there will be carefully watched.

GREENSBORO AND LEXINGTON, N. C.

After the resignation of the Rev. P. D. Risinger no effort was made to put another missionary on this territory. An agreement was entered into with Rev. C. L. Miller of the Tennessee Synod who lives within four miles of Lexington, and who had some members of his congregations living there, to look after the interests of our Church in that town. If circumstances justify, and if the means can be secured, an effort may still be made to organize a Lutheran congregation in Lexington.

At Greensboro, where for a time the outlook seemed favorable, we have been unable to prosecute the work, largely because of a lack of Lutheran material on the ground and a lack of funds in our treasury. This town is important and growing, and we hope the day will come when an organized Lutheran congregation can be sustained there.

Missions in the Georgia Synod.

ATLANTA, GA.

The condition of things in the Atlanta mission during the last two years has not materially changed. It was earnestly hoped that by this time a church property could have been secured, but in this expectation we have been disappointed. To buy a lot and build a church in a suitable locality would require more money than has yet been paid into the special funds for this object, and at no time has the treasury of the Board been in such a condition that a special appropriation could be made. A

fund of about $600 cash, and as much more in good pledges, is held by the Board as a nucleus for a church building fund, and a subscription of nearly $1,000 is held by the congregation as the nucleus of a lot fund. Since the organization of this congregation it has raised about $2,475 for current expenses and salary. Owing to removals and other causes there has been no net increase in the congregation, which has an enrollment of 65 members, with 35 in the Sunday School. In spite of the difficulties which have been encountered in the prosecution of this work, and the long delay in getting a church home, it is our judgment and the judgment of our secretary, who has had charge of the work, that owing to the importance of the location, the effort to establish in Atlanta a Lutheran congregation in connection with the United Synod, should be prosecuted with increased vigor and concentration.

FITZGERALD, GA.

Our mission in Fitzgerald is passing through a trying experience. This work was organized and built up largely through the generosity and by the earnest effort of Rev. H. F. Long, who has been the missionary from the beginning. During the past year Rev. Mr. Long, owing to a throat trouble, has been forced to stop preaching, and for satisfactory reasons he has removed from Fitzgerald. This leaves our mission in a crippled condition. The Board has never appropriated more than $10 a month to this mission, and for this amount in addition to the very small salary which the congregation can pay since deprived of the assistance of Rev. Mr. Long, we have not been able to engage a new pastor for this work. The church property at this place, which is owned by Rev. Mr. Long, consisting of an excellent lot and small, neat church building, and which is worth easily $1,000, he is still willing to transfer to the congregation through the Board for $350, provided the same be paid before October 1, 1902. The decision of this matter will be referred to the new Board.

ALABAMA MISSION.

The mission work in Northwest Georgia, which was under the care of Rev. H. C. Grossman, with headquarters at Tallapoosa, Ga., has been at least temporarily practically abandoned by the Board. Rev. Mr. Grossman resigned and took work within the bounds of the South Carolina Synod, and a new missionary has not been appointed, because the results of the work were small, there were many discouraging features connected with it, and we had not sufficient means to further prosecute it. Whether or not this work will ever be resumed will be determined largely by circumstances, but at present the outlook is not favorable.

Missions in the Mississippi Synod.

GOODMAN, MISS.

Rev. J. L. Derrick has continued to serve the mission congregations at Goodman, Miss., and a neat church building (40x36 ft.) has been built, and was dedicated December 30, 1900. Toward the erection of this church the Board paid $200, and $15 a month has been regularly paid on the salary of the missionary, who also preaches at two neighboring country congregations. The membership at Goodman is now 20.

Nothing further in the way of missionary work has been done by the Board in Mississippi.

APPORTIONMENTS OF SYNODS AND RESPONSES.

For general information we submit the apportionments and the amounts paid by the district synods from May 20, 1900, to May 1, 1902. These apportionments are for two years, and at the rate of 25 cents a member for home missions, and on a basis of membership as specified.

HOME MISSION APPORTIONMENT.

SYNOD.	MEMBERS.	APPORTIONMENT.	PAID.
Virginia	5800	$2900	*$2677 43
Southwestern Virginia	4400	2200	1465 66
South Carolina	8400	4200	1396 59
North Carolina	7100	3550	678 50
Holston	2000	1000	200 17
Georgia	2000	1000	689 22
Tennessee	7500	3750	149 99
Mississippi	700	350	75 00
	37900	$18950	$7332 56

*Inclusive of $892.67 paid to Newport News.

TABULATED STATEMENT OF MISSIONS ORGANIZED OR AIDED BY THE BOARD SINCE 1886.

STATIONS.	MEMB'S			DEBT.		MON'Y. SAL.		REMARKS
	Congregation.	Sunday School.	Value of Property.	Congregation.	Board	Congregation.	Board	
Knoxville, Tenn.	90	191	$10000					Self-sustaining.
Augusta, Ga.	202	125						Aided by S. C. Synod.
Richmond, Va.	324	161	15000	$ 7500		$75 00		Sustains own Pastor.
Norfolk, Va.	137	65	8000	4000		55 00	$20 00	
Newport News, Va.	85	102	7000	4000		28 60	40 00	
Pulaski, Va.	53	95	5500			16 66	16 66	Paid by charge.
Radford, Va	16							
Bluefield, W. Va.	60	24	1500			25 00	16 66	Paid by charge.
Tazewell, Va.	16							
Graham, Va.	71	50	500	500		10 00	18 75	Paid by charge.
Keystone, Va		50						Average attendance
Arlington, Va		50						—Not counted in S. S.
Greeneville, Tenn.	25	45	2500	600		23 00	10 00	Paid by charge.
Morristown, Tenn.	11	20	2500	800		10 50	10 00	
Mohawk, Tenn.	10		850	100				
Winston, N. C.	78	58	15000	600		35 00	25 00	
Atlanta, Ga.	65	35				20 00		
Fitzgerald, Ga.	42	40	1000	350		8 00	10 00	
Goodman, Miss.	20		500				15 00	
Total	1308	912	$82350	$15250		278 16	172 07	

SUMMARY.

The above tabulated statement shows in condensed form the operations of the Board since the organization of the United Synod in 1886. We do not print in this table the names of congregations where work has not been done this year, but where formerly the Board operated, and in some of which work may perhaps be again begun. These points are Trinity, Richmond, Bristol, Greensboro, Lexington, and the Alabama mission During the past two years 12 missionaries have been in the employ of the Board, and they have preached at 17 stations. In these congregations there are 1,308 members, and 912 Sunday School scholars, and the mission church property is valued at $82,350, with only $15,250 indebtedness. With the exception of the church at Goodman, Miss., no mission churches have been bought or built since the last report. The explanation of this is found in the fact that the income of the Board has barely sufficed to pay the salaries of a decreased number of missionaries. Church buildings are needed at once in Radford, Tazewell, and Atlanta, and if work is resumed at Greensboro, Lexington, Asheville, and Bristol, with the expectation of being successfully prosecuted, the first need will

be church buildings. If the present apportionment were raised in full it would be possible to accomplish much of the work in sight, and new work could be begun. We do not think it out of place in this connection to call attention to the fact that the primary object of this Board when first organized was to conduct missions in the home field in large cities or towns where local synods could not successfully operate by themselves. By force of circumstances the policy of the Board has been somewhat changed. Instead of operating independently of synodical mission work it has been necessary in many instances to absorb all, or almost all, of the local work. The cause of this was that synods were not, or thought they were not, able to carry on the local work, and at the same time pay the assessment to the United Synod. This has made it necessary for the Board to support a large number of missionaries, and with the meagre income at command it has been impossible to do the amount of church building which the work requires. A serious question is thus presented: If the policy of the United Synod's Mission Board in the future shall continue as at present, and if so much of the local work shall continue to be done by it, and if at the same time churches in cities must be built and aided, some method must be adopted to make the income of the Board more certain, or even to increase it.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—JAPAN.

Since our convention at Winston two years ago, the Japan mission has grown in many ways, and this report will exhibit the mission as permanently established. Three missionaries with their wives are now in the field, the native congregation at Saga established in their own church home, and promising work inaugurated at Kumamoto. In giving this report of the work, only the more important events are given, and many minor details are omitted, though of the greatest interest.

OUR THIRD MISSIONARY—REV. C. K. LIPPARD.

This brother had been called to our Japan work, and was present at the Winston convention. In our last report an account is given of that call and a biography of the missionary. After the adjournment of the United Synod, Mr. Lippard made a visitation of our churches, from the Potomac to the Gulf, going to all the more important sections in our Southern Church. He was kindly received and his message gladly heard by the people. The church was liberal in offerings given at these special services, and, after payment of all expenses, a handsome sum was turned into the treasury for the Japan work. A magnificent farewell meeting was held at Hickory, N. C., Sunday, September 9, 1900, in the presence of a large congregation in the college chapel. Addresses were made by

Mr. Lippard, Rev. L. L. Smith, President of the Board; Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., the Secretary; Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., and Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D. On Saturday, September 15, 1900, in St. Mark's church, Chicago, Mr. Lippard was married to Miss M. Emma Gerberding, daughter of Rev. Dr. Gerberding of the Chicago Seminary. Mr. Lippard and wife sailed from Seattle, October 9, 1900, and arrived in Japan, October 30, 1900. They were kindly received by the missionaries and the native Christians and soon felt at home in Japan. Mr. Lippard preached his first sermon in Japanese, Sunday evening, January 19, 1902.

THE SCHERER MEMORIAL.

The brethren who had in charge the effort to raise a fund to erect a church building in Japan in memory of Mrs. Katherine Scherer, paid into our treasury the sum of $605, which sum is held sacred for that purpose. During the coming biennium in all probability an opportunity will be given to build this memorial church, just as soon as the Board thinks it wise so to do. The reason that this fund has not already been used for this purpose is because the need had not yet arisen in our Japan work, but with the outlook at Kumamoto the Board will possibly use this fund in that city.

THE MISSION CONFERENCE.

With the arrival of Mr. Lippard in Japan, our missionaries organized a Mission Conference, for the consideration of all plans for the future of the work. This conference takes up and maturely considers all mission questions, communicating their decisions officially to the Board. The conference elected Rev. C. L. Brown, treasurer, and Rev. R. B. Peery, corresponding secretary. Mr. Brown pays all salaries and all expenses of the work with funds remitted by the Board. This is an advance movement, and puts all the business of the mission on a sound basis.

LOCATION OF THE MISSIONARIES.

It was the judgment of the missionaries soon after Rev. Mr. Lippard's arrival that Rev. Mr. Brown be located at Kumamoto and that work be inaugurated there. Dr. Peery remained at Saga, and with him Mr. Lippard. The policy of the Board has been to make Saga our chief point, and from it as a center let our influence go out in all the surrounding cities and towns. And this action is the beginning of our expansion of the work, and it is to be hoped in the near future our work may be in all the nearby places to Saga.

HOMES FOR THE WORKERS.

The Board have felt the needs, and that it was sound business policy to own the houses in which our missionaries reside. The study of the

expense account for rents, repairs, etc., in the past make it imperative, as a matter of economy as well as of comfort to our missionaries, to have parsonages in Japan. The Board early in this biennium made an effort to secure the Saga home in which Dr. Peery resides, but for satisfactory reasons growing out of the title, the transaction was not made. It is to be hoped that this property can be purchased during the next biennium, and the Board should keep that in view.

A HOUSE PURCHASED IN KUMAMOTO.

When Mr. Brown located in Kumamoto, the question of a house was to be solved. After careful examination, a house was rented at a monthly rental of 30 yen. Up to this time the houses in Saga had been rented at 12 yen per month, and the Board was impressed with the great advance. The Board gave instructions for the purchase of a house in Kumamoto, forwarding $800 for the same, when a wise purchase could be made. Early in March of this year the Board was notified that a house had been purchased for 1,540 yen. The house will need to be repaired, and the cost will be a total of about 2,300 yen. The Board congratulates the mission on this purchase and trusts the Church may speedily furnish the means to purchase houses for our other missionaries. Dr. Peery writes that "the location is excellent from a hygienic standpoint as well as from a working standpoint. We have a large lot, sufficient for yard and garden—and large lots are rare in Kumamoto." The Board has given authority for the repair and enlarging of the house at once, so Mr. Brown can occupy it in the autumn.

OUR FINANCES.

It is evident to every thoughtful person that the Church must increase her offerings to this Japan work. As an instance of the growth of expense, when the present Board went into office our contingent expenses were only $50 per month, while during this biennium this outlay has been $125 per month—an increase of $900 per year. Our three missionaries must be paid, not only their salaries, but also teachers' and health allowances, &c. Then come extraordinary expenses for house repairs, furniture, &c. A brief study of our work will show the United Synod that an increased apportionment must be made, and must be met if this work can be efficiently done. It is gratifying to the Board that the receipts have gone beyond the $4,500 per year, apportioned, and that the Church has done more for this work than was set as a standard. Yet there needs to be a quickened interest in sections of the Church where so little is done. At a Board meeting, held April 8, 1902, it was resolved that the United Synod be requested to apportion $6,500 per year among

the synods for the next biennium. The crying need is for more money to rent chapels, train a native ministry, and in many ways to develop the work along the lines of a native self-supporting church and ministry.

A FURLOUGH FOR REV. R. B. PEERY, PH. D.

Under date of June 22, 1901, Dr. Peery sent to the Board the following resolutions adopted by the Mission Conference at its meeting last spring, 1901:

"*Resolved*, 1. That whereas Dr. Peery has been constantly at work in Japan for nine years, excepting the short period of three months during which he returned to America for his wife; and, whereas, Mrs. Peery has been actively engaged in the work with him here for six years, it is our opinion that they should have a vacation.

"*Resolved*, 2. That we earnestly request the Board to allow Dr. Peery and his family a furlough next year, beginning about May 1st.

"*Resolved*, 3. That we request the Board to make known to us its decision with reference to this matter at an early date, in order that we may know what arrangements to make for the work here next year."

This request was referred to the Executive Committee, to which the answer was given that it would be referred to a full meeting of the Board, but that it was not clear to the Board for financial reasons how Dr. Peery could be returned as soon as May 1, 1902. The Board regrets its inability to quote the full correspondence on this subject for the information of the Church, being too voluminous. At the Board meeting, held April 8, 1902, in Strasburg, after reading all the correspondence and mature consideration, the following resolutions were passed:

"*Resolved*, 1. That Rev. R. B. Peery be given a furlough, beginning at the time of the 1903 summer vacation and extending to the autumn of 1904.

"*Resolved*, 2. That the salary of Dr. Peery on furlough be at the rate of $750 per annum, it being understood that while in America Dr. Peery shall be subject to the call of the Board for reasonable service in the way of visitation of synods, churches, &c.

"*Resolved*, 3. That the President be instructed to report this action to the United Synod, stating the fact that its being carried into effect is contingent upon the provision by the United Synod of the funds for this purpose."

The President of this Board wrote Dr. Peery for an estimate of the cost of his return to America. In a letter, dated March 4, 1902, he estimates the cost of tickets, with allowances for sleeper, food, and fare to Wytheville, Va., from Japan at $820 gold. By the Japanese line, which is slightly inferior, the cost will be $700 gold. The Board urges the United

Synod, in Charleston assembled, to make provision for this emergency fund.

REPORT OF THE MISSION CONFERENCE.

The following report of the mission, written by Rev. C. L. Brown, is incorporated in this report for information:

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN MISSION IN JAPAN FOR 1900-1.

GENERAL SITUATION.

Notwithstanding the widespread and bitter criticisms immediately succeeding the troubles in China, the steady progress of Christianity in Japan has been uninterrupted. The outlook for mission work in the Empire is better today than it was two years ago. Practically all opposition from government sources to the propagation of Christianity has ceased. The inconveniences experienced from being more or less under government supervision are comparatively few and do not affect the work. It would really seem that the central government at Tokyo recognizes the necessity of religion for its subjects, and is willing to encourage the propagation even of Christianity within the Empire, since recently the government has offered to pay the traveling and other necessary expenses of any priest, Christian pastor, or missionary desiring to go to the island of Formosa for purposes of religious instruction.

More than a year ago the Religious Bill was introduced in the Japanese Diet. The object of this bill was to have Christianity recognized or officially declared one of the religions of the Empire and in all respects placed on a equal footing with Buddhism. Certain Buddhist sects opposed the measure to the end, and most bitterly. There were other sects that gave it their hearty support. But the opposition was too strong, and at last the bill was defeated. It is encouraging to note that the press of the country was in favor of the bill, and that it was only after a hard fight the measure was voted down. It is confidently expected by some that such a bill will be carried in the not far distant future. It is a disputed question whether such official recognition would give Christianity any greater advantages than she now enjoys.

Buddhism has sought the distinction of being termed the State Religion of Japan; but this the government refused to grant. Shinto remains the State religion; but in return for this distinction has had to deny all claims to being a pure religion and content itself with the guardianship of ancestor worship alone.

The action of the government in the past year most affecting Christianity related to mission schools. For a time these schools were under a cloud. The unreasonable restrictions placed upon them were a serious

blow to their usefulness and threatened even their existence. But finally, after continued negotiations the government in an indirect way made it possible for all these schools to retain their character as Christian schools and still enjoy the advantages of government institutions. By employing a certain number of teachers and maintaining a certain space for drill ground all desired advantages can be obtained.

On the side of Christian work in general the year 1901 in certain ways was very remarkable. Reference is here made to the inception and prosecution of what is called the Forward Movement. As a thank-offering to God it was decided by the Japanese Christians during the first year of the new century to make a special effort to reach this nation for Christ. The majority of the missionaries co-operated in various ways with the efforts put forth. The movement had the effect of stirring up an unprecedented interest in the subject of Christianity. According to the official report 15,500 enquirers were enrolled and 1,200 persons were baptized. The best results were obtained in the North, where the population is not so conservative as in Kyushu. On the whole the movement was conservative and thoroughly evangelical, and we believe the general good done will greatly outweigh the possible evils that may result from wrong methods.

Japan as a nation continues to move toward the front. The Anglo-Japanese alliance has just been concluded, and the Japanese throughout the entire country are feasting and making merry. If there is no serious friction we are inclined to think the Alliance may have an indirect beneficial effect on the work of missions, in that it will certainly bring the Japanese and certain foreigners into more cordial relations with each other, which is very necessary in winning a man's soul for Christ.

REVIEW OF OUR OWN WORK.

Though there have been serious difficulties to contend against, the work as a whole has continued its uninterrupted progress. During the biennium ending with 1901 thirty-eight persons were baptized and admitted to the church, an increase of fifteen over the results of the last biennium.

The arrival of Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Lippard in November, 1900, was the fulfilment of our earnest desire to have a third missionary on the field. There is little danger now of one man by accident being left alone with the entire burden of the work on his shoulders. We can now have orderly meetings and decide the mission's business in an orderly way. Mr. and Mrs. Lippard are doing faithful work on the language, and there is every indication that they will be able to do great

good for the Master in this needy field. We thank the Board for sending us this reinforcement to encourage and help us.

In December, 1900, the Saga church building, for which our Christians had worked and prayed so long, was completed and consecrated to the Lord's service. This was decidedly a step in the right direction. It is inconvenient and expensive not to have a church home of your own. It is exceedingly difficult to rent chapels that will meet the needs of the Sunday morning service. Moreover, the possession of church property gives the work a degree of stability in the eyes of the Japanese public which cannot otherwise be obtained. It should be the policy of the Board to own as far as possible at least the most important chapels.

The next change of importance was the removal of Rev. and Mrs. Brown to Kumamoto. As has been stated in the church papers Kumamoto is a large and inportant city of 80,000 population. Owing to the size of its population, its central location, and the presence of more than 3,000 students and about 10,000 soldiers, the importance of the city as a field for mission effort is beyond question. Our work here in the past three years has made substantial and at times very encouraging progress. From the start we have had largely to do with students, who are a constantly changing class. Hence, while there is very little to show toward the beginnings of a self-supporting congregation, we are encouraged by the fact that nine persons have been baptized and three received by letter during the past two years. The mission has long wanted to put a man in this city, and we are thankful the coming of Rev. Lippard made such a move possible.

In September, 1901, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. T. Winther left Saga and went to Kurume. We have for the present turned over that field to him. He employs his own evangelist and rents his own chapels. The work there makes encouraging progress. It is a decided gain to the general work to have a Lutheran missionary in this important and promising city.

The action most affecting the mission from the material side was the purchase of a mission home in Kumamoto. Rent in Kumamoto is double the rent in Saga. For this reason and others the Board was advised to buy and hold its own property. The money for such a purchase, $800, was sent to Japan late in 1900, but it was found impossible to buy until recently. Property in Japan has steadily appreciated for the past seven years, and can be bought under normal conditions little or no cheaper than in America. But by taking advantage of a forced sale in February last, we were enabled to get a good property for the money in hand. With some additions and repairs the house can be made as comfortable as Japanese houses will permit. The possession of this property

will save a heavy rent, give us more weight in the public eye, and enable us to avoid the nuisance and expense of frequent moving. The house itself is held by straight out purchase and the land by lease for 1,000 years.

OUR NEEDS.

We present for your most earnest and careful consideration the following:

1. Certainly our most crying need at present is an increase of Japanese workers. How to get theological students and train them for the ministry, and how to support them after we get them, are the questions now lying nearest our hearts. Our present force cannot serve us indefinitely. Changes are likely at any time to occur and deaths must come. Moreover, the expansion of the work from the native side is essential to the future growth and prosperity of the mission. Now is the time to begin the training of future evangelists, if we are to retain a working force. But the men to train are not forthcoming. We are not the only sufferers. Still, we are more affected than some other missions, and for this reason: our work is purely evangelistic. We have no schools, and wisely so. This puts us at a disadvantage, however, in finding and training workers. The young men of Japan are as ambitious as the young men of America, and they demand the best education to be had. Hence, when we find a suitable person for theological instruction, he first wants good academic training, and we want him to have it. This generally involves the expenditure of money on our part; and, to be frank, the risk of loss. Our difficulties here are great, and we earnestly request that the prayers of all interested in our Japan mission be offered to God that He raise up among us those willing to do his work.

The question of funds with which to support students and evangelists if we had them would be to us a puzzling one at present. Therefore, in order that the much needed expansion from the native side may be accomplished and the work continue to prosper, we earnestly recommend that provision be made for additional men whom, from time to time, we may be able to secure.

2. Our second most pressing need is a more liberal allowance of money for such objects as chapel rent, chapel repairs, house repairs, traveling expenses, and printing.

We sometimes must decline to rent a chapel it would be very advantageous for us to have because the rent is a dollar or two more than our present resources will allow. This is not for the best interests of our work.

We need to make certain of our chapels more attractive and comforta-

ble. Certain repairs and changes would greatly add to their usefulness and the growth of our work.

The mission has never urged strongly the necessity of building for the missionaries foreign houses. They are aware the expenditure would be too heavy for the Board to bear at the present time. But that such houses should be provided as soon as it is at all feasible, we still strongly recommend. In the meantime, however, the Board should endeavor to make our Japanese houses as comfortable and habitable as possible, that the best health of the missionaries and their families may be retained. To this end we need an increase in the amount of money available for this purpose.

A liberal expenditure for traveling expenses is necessary for the best interests of the work. Every mission in Japan provides for such expenses. They are necessary and truly a part of the mission's work as is the renting of a chapel. They are made necessary by the frequent visits of Japanese workers and missionaries to out-towns and stations for purposes of Christian work. Stop such visitations and one-third of our preaching must be abandoned. Because we were urged to cut down our current expenses we have had to give up two out-stations. This part of the work should be pressed with greater vigor, and to this end and for this purpose we ask for a more liberal allowance.

3. We are thankful for the church building in Saga, since the congregation now have a home of their own. But the pastor is not yet provided for. A small house still standing on the lot can be remodeled and made into a fairly good parsonage for $200. There are many reasons why this place should be converted into a home for the resident pastor.

4. We are convinced that the time has come for securing a church home in Kumamoto, if the money can be had. We have had to make four changes in our chapels in three years. Our present place is unsatisfactory. The location is bad and the house is too small. We have searched six months for a better house and location, but suitable places are difficult to find. Our little congregation, being composed largely of students and hence very poor and constantly changing, can do nothing toward such a purchase. We believe it would be wise to make such an investment, first, because our work here is on a sufficiently substantial basis to justify it; secondly, because our opportunities for more effectually prosecuting the work would be increased; thirdly, because constant moving and bad locations, which hinder the work, would be avoided; and fourthly, because a heavy rent would be saved.

We could not expect to build on the same proportions as at Saga. We should expect to buy a lot and build in Japanese style, or purchase an old place and remodel. The cost, including land, would be not far from $1,000.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries*	3
Wives of Missionaries	3
Native Ministers	2
Unordained helpers	3
Stations	2
Out-stations	3
Sunday Schools	3
Scholars in same	140
Baptized members	117
Converts in 1900-01	38
Native contributions	640 00 yen †
Monthly salaries of missionaries	$262 50
Monthly salaries native helpers	97 00 yen
House rents per month	58 00 yen ‡
Chapel rent	27 00 yen

APPORTIONMENTS.

Apportionment and amount paid for Foreign Missions from May 1, 1900, to May 1, 1902, being for two full years, at the rate of 15 cents per capita, on a basis of membership as specified.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

SYNODS.	MEMBERS.	APPORTIONMENT.	PAID.
Virginia	5800	$1740	$3411 61
Southwestern Virginia	4400	1300	1429 67
South Carolina	8400	2520	1662 68
North Carolina	7100	2090	1076 24
Holston	2000	600	169 80
Georgia	2000	600	422 56
Tsnnessee	7500	2250	368 25
Mississippi	700	210	10 00
Total	37900	$11310	$8550 81

BOARD OF MISSIONS' FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From May 1, 1900, to May 1, 1902.

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

By balance on hand at close of books, May 1, 1900	$ 336 12
By contributions in past two years	6539 59

*Besides our own missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Winther are working in connection with us, being located in Kurume.

†Yen equal to $0.50. ‡With Mr. Brown's rent 88 yen.

By Atlanta, Ga., church, towards pastor's salary	430 00
By Mississippi mission towards pastor's salary	215 00
By Bluefield mission towards pastor's salary	286 26
By Norfolk mission towards pastor's salary	1217 11
By Newport News mission towards pastor's salary	408 40
By Morristown and Sinking Creek missions towards pas. sal	141 16
By Graham and Keystone missions towards pastor's salary	350 37
By Fitzgerald mission towards pastor's salary	42 00
By Asheville mission towards pastor's salary	2 80
By Alabama mission towards pastor's salary	105 56
By Winstou mission towards pastor's salary	335 42
By Greenevile mission towards pastor's salary	163 17
By Pulaski and Radford missions towards pastor's salary	336 05
	$10,909 01

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To Atlanta, Ga., ¾ salary Rev. L. K. Probst as pastor and Secretary of Board	$ 1725 00
To Mississippi mission—pastor's salary	560 00
To Bluefield, W. Va.—pastor's salary	552 90
To Norfolk, Va., church—pastor's salary	1817 11
To Newport News, Va., church—pastor's salary	1301 72
To Morristown and Sinking Creek missions—pastor's salary	371 16
To Graham and Keystone missions—pastor's salary	780 87
To Fitzgerald, Ga., church—pustor's salary	212 00
To Asheville, N. C., church—pastor's salary	77 80
To Alabama mission—pastor's salary	195 56
To Winston, N. C., church—pastor's salary	825 44
To Greeneville, Tenn., church— pastor's salary	343 17
To Pulaski and Radford, Va,—pastor's salary	585 99
To Rev. J. L. Derrick for church	200 00
To interest on Richmond debt	98 10
To ¾ of all current expenses, including the traveling expenses of President and Secretary to Board meetings, synods, and mission points, railroad fare (in part) of members of Board to its meetings, missionary literature, and reports, stationery, etc.	290 35
Balance in treasury, May 1, 1902	971 84
	$10,909 01

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—CREDITS.

By balance on hand at closing of books, May 1, 1900	$ 953 37
By amt. for Scherer Memorial church	605 00
By amt. from Virginia Synod on its special pledges to return Newport News loan	892 67
By contributions in past two years, which include all regular contributions from synods, missionary societies, and Sunday Schools, and all special contributions from all sources for the education and support of native ministers and helpers, rentals of chapels, and purchases of literature. This item includes also the collections of $291.43 by Rev. C. K. Lippard in his visits to the churches in America	9422 42
	$11,873 46

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT—DISBURSEMENTS.

To ¼ salary of Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary	$ 575 00
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance of Rev. R. B. Peery, paid to July 1, 1902	2200 00
To salary, health, aud teacher's allowance of Rev. C. L. Brown, paid to July 1, 1902	2200 00
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance of Rev. C. K. Lippard, paid to July 1, 1902	2178 75
To the outfit and traveling expenses of Rev. C. K. Lippard, in America and to Japan	650 00
To amt. forwarded sor Kumamoto house, purchased for the mission	800 00
To salaries and educational allowances far native ministers, evangelists, and students, rentals of chapels and dwellings: house repairs, furniture, traveling expenses, insurance and taxes in Japan to July 1, 1902	3056 63
To ¼ of the current expenses in the administration of the Board in America	134 66
Balance in treasury	78 42
	$11,873 46

ASSETS.

Note of Richmond mission	$ 1000 00
Mortgage on Trinity church, Augusta, Ga	2500 00
Mortgage on St. John's church, Knoxville, Tenn	4000 00

Mortgage on Augsburg church, Winston, N. C	4000 00
Mortgage on 1st church, Norfolk, Va	3000 00
Mortgage on Reformation church, Greeneville, Tenn	300 00
Deed for Fitzgerald, Ga., lot	50 00
Mortgage on Trinity church, Newport News	2000 00
City Charleston, S. C., 4 per cent. bonds (due Atlanta Fund) par value	600 00
Mortgage on Goodman church, Miss	200 00

J. W. EBERLY, TREASURER.

RESUME—PROGRESS.

This biennium closes with our Japan mission hopeful and promising. The two years have seen the work permanently established in the organization of the native church at Suga with a church home and the purchase of property in Kumamoto. This adds greatly to the material side of our mission. Then we have $605 for the Scherer memorial as soon as it can be wisely expended. The parochial table exhibits the fact that the Lord blesses our mission and that good is being done. This after all is why we are in Japan—to save men. Let the Church not only give to this great work, but let her prayers ascend to the great Head of the Church for his richest blessing on our mission and all our workers in Japan.

OUR NEEDS.

The report from Japan tells of our needs—more consecration and more money for this work. On the earthly, material side the next biennium should witness the Scherer Memorial erected and comfortable homes for our missionaries owned by the Board. The inner life of the mission should be developed along the lines of a native church and ministry and this church should be taught the great lesson of self-support.

The home Church should give the Board more money to use in this great work. We have this work—we have brethren in Japan—let us give them the money ample and abundant to enter every open door of opportunity.

The great need is a native ministry and native workers, and to this end there should be money to use in preparing consecrated young converts for the work of the ministry. The mission must have in view the training of its own ministry.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following recommendations are made by the Board for the approval of this body.

1. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $6,500 annually.

2. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

3. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be especially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

4. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whitsunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

CONCLUSION.

This report for the biennium is submitted with a feeling that the Church has not supported our Home and Foreign work as she should. The Board has been handicapped from the lack of means. Much more could have been done with adequate resources with which to do the work. It is to be hoped that the Church will set herself heartily and earnestly to the great mission work which our Lord has given us to do. Our responsibility is great because we as a Church have great privileges.

NOTE—At the meeting of the North Carolina Synod, on May 1st, it was reported that about $1500 could be raised in Lexington toward the erection of a church, and the North Carolina Synod has pledged $550 for the purchase of a lot when this board in consultation with committees from the North Carolina and Tennessee Synods shall decide that the time has come to take advanced steps for the prosecution of this work.

Since report was adopted the North Carolina Synod has paid $179.35 additional for Foreign Missions.

Since report was adopted the North Carolina Synod has paid $143.10 into the treasury additional.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH.
W. L. SEABROOK.
L. G. M. MILLER.
E. H. KOHN.
G. M. BELTZHOOVER.
J. E. COOPER.
J. W. EBERLY.

Charleston, S. C., May 7, 1902.

The committee on Treasurer's account rendered the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, respectfully report that they have found them correct, all payments being evidenced by proper vouchers.

GEO. B. CROMER.
D. F. EFIRD.
JNO. F. FICKEN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. DULS, Treasurer, In Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

1900.		DR.	
May	17	To balance in hands Treasurer, per last report (see p. 59 last Minutes)	$ 00
	27	Received of E. H. Aull, per committee, royalty (see pp. 64, 69, 71 and 99 of last Minutes)	106 52
	27	Received of W. J. Duffie, per committee, royalty (pp. 63 and 71 of last Minutes)	11 65
July	26	Received of L. S. Walker, Treasurer, Virginia Synod, Quota for Min. (see page 102)	45 18
	26	Received of Jas. D. Heilig, Treasurer, N. C. Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	59 00
	30	Received of J. C. DuBard, Treas. Miss. Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	4 67
	30	Received of E. L. Greever, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	30 88
Aug.	20	Received of Treas. of Georgia Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	17 02
Dec.	12	Received of W. H. Greer, Holston Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	8 56
	21	Received of A. H. Kohn, Treas. of South Carolina Synod, Quota for Minutes (p. 102)	60 00
	21	Received of E. H. Aull, Supt. Lutheran Publication Board, Royalty (p. 99)	75 00
		Total	$418 48

1900.		CR.	
May	21	P'd Cleb Dalton, janitor (see p. 104, last Minutes)	$ 5 00
June	19	P'd Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D. (pp. 65 and 71 last Min.).	46 46
	19	P'd Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Sec. (p. 104 last Minutes	25 00
	19	P'd E. H. Aull (pp. 64 and 71 last Minutes	9 88

July 13	P'd Henkel & Co. on account (p. 102 last Minutes . .	30 00
Sept. 19	P'd E. H. Aull (p. 102 last Minutes)	130 00
Dec. 21	P'd E. H. Aull, Supt. (p. 102 last Minutes	144 90
1902.		
April 21	P'd Henkel & Co. Balance in full on '98 Minutes (p. 102 last Minutes	10 25
	Balance in hands of Treasurer	16 99
		$418 48

Balance in hands of Treasurer brought down $16 99

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DULS, *Treasurer.*

May 7th, 1902.

The following was adopted fixing the time of the next meeting of Synod:

THE COMMITTEE ON TIME OF NEXT SESSION OF UNITED SYNOD.

We, your Committee on Time for the Next Session of United Synod, has selected Wednesday before the second Sunday in July, 1904.

E. H. KOHN, CHAIRMAN,

For Committee.

The Committee on Church Literature rendered the following report which was considered by items and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE

1. It is doubtful whether the United Synod can be called upon to consider any question that is of greater practical importance than that of Church Literature. The Synod has given full recognition to this fact by the nominate establishment of a board of publication. It is to be regretted that this Board has met with only a moderate measure of success. The Board did a commendable work in publishing "Lutherans in Japan." Perhaps it is not generally known that quantities of this interesting book remain unsold, although offered at the low price of fifty cents a copy.

2. Your Committee, representing a widespread opinion, feels it a duty to call attention to the inferior paper and binding used in the high-priced editions of the Book of Worship.

3. We warmly commend the present literary management of The Southern Lutheran. This paper has a distinct and permanent field as a Sunday School and missionary journal. Recently it has appeared with regularity. We believe that the circulation can be greatly increased if the Church is assured that this regularity shall continue.

4. We deem it of great importance that no effort be neglected for the coalition of The Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper in one strong journal; and trust that the committee appointed at Staunton and continued at Winston may report progress at this meeting.

5. We recommend the appointment of a permanent committee on Sunday School Literature, looking towards the eventual attainment of a true Lutheran supply that will be acceptable to all our English-speaking people.

6. We recommend that the district synods, through their conferences, devise ways and means, for the general dissemination of Lutheran literature among our people.

7. We call favorable attention to Bernheim's and Cox's "History of the North Carolina Synod," and to other work of a general nature done by Southern Lutherans.

JAMES A. B. SCHERER.
M. M. KINARD.
C. B. KING.

Under item 5 the following committee was appointed: Revs. J. A. B. Scherer, J. C. Moser, L. A. Fox, R. C. Holland, and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

The report of the Board of Publication was made and adopted as follows:

Rev. V. R. Stickley, Chairman Lutheran Publication Board,

I beg herewith to submit my second report as your Superintendent:

1. I have been very much discouraged in an effort to accomplish anything so long as the publication interests of the church are so much divided and with so little encouragement from the pastors and people of the United Synod and with little prospect of getting them together. But for the fact that I was under contract with the Common Service Committee for the publication of the Book of Worship I think I should have given the whole matter up entirely, and yet it is but natural that we should have discouragments and difficulties, and if we expect to accomplish anything we must be prepared to meet and overcome them. Many great and successful enterprises have had much smaller beginnings. The short term of the contract (2 years) operates against the interest of the church.

2. The sales of the Book of Worship are about the same as they have been, though not quite as large as they were, especially in the cloth, but this, no doubt, is accounted for by the fact that many congregations supplied themselves when the cheap book first came out.

3. I carried with me to the first meeting of the United Synod the first

sample copies of Rev. R. B. Peery's "Lutherans in Japan." The book was written by Dr. Peery for the purpose of giving to the Lutherans of the United Synod just the information which he thought would prove of greatest interest and of greatest help to them, with the hope that it would result in a greater interest and activity in behalf of our foreign work in Japan. So he gave his work free for the sake of the cause. The Publication Board accepted the book for publication with the same purpose and hope, all receipts above cost of publication and sale going to the treasury of the Mission Board. Those interested in the work in Japan, who have read the book have found it most interesting and helpful. But of an edition of 2,000 not more than 150 copies have been sold. Why this is so your Superintendent can not understand nor can those who are best acquainted with the book and the need which it supplies. At first the price was $1.00, but it has since been reduced to 50c, and yet there is no demand for the book. The people are indifferent about the claims of the foreign work because they lack the information this book gives, yet practically no effort is made to give it to them. Why?

4. The publication of the Southern Lutheran has been continued since the last meeting of the United Synod. It has been enlarged, the form has been changed and it has been otherwise improved. Soon after the meeting of the United Synod at Winston, Rev. W. H. Greever became editor, Dr. Hallman having resigned. A Children's Missionary Department has been added to the paper recently, of which Mrs. E. C. Cronk has charge, and we are making an earnest effort to furnish the paper which our Sunday Schools and Children's Societies need. Our circulation is good, but it is far from what it ought to be. We must again remind those who wish such a paper, and a better one, that they are the ones to help make it what it should be. In this work, as in everything else, success depends upon co-operation.

5. The financial statement follows. I have no recommendations to make or suggestions to offer.

Commissions Book of Worship, 373 copies	$18 65
Commissions printing and Southern Lutheran	40 00
Total	$58 65

Respectfully submitted,
ELBERT H. AULL, *Superintendent.*

Your Board would submit the following as their second biennial report:

1. The operations of the Board have been necessarily circumscribed. The Superintendent has continued the publication of the Book of Worship and The Southern Lutheran. Other printing has been done which has been a source of small income.

If our publication interests could be concentrated there is no reason why the operations of the Board should not be a source of considerable income to the Synod and at the same time be an important factor in the progress and development of our Church work in the South. As it is we contribute largely each year to the work of the Church, (to the mission and other work of the churches) in other sections.

As will appear from the report of the Superintendent the history of our work in Japan by Dr. Peery, which was published by our Board, has had practically no sale and our pastors and people have taken comparatively no interest in it. Why it is so we can not understand, for it is certainly a book which should commend itself to the members of the United Synod.

The plan we submitted two years ago for the union of our Church papers and the publication of one paper was considered by the Synod "as impracticable," and the committee "on the consolidation of the Church papers" was continued and "kindly requested to continue their efforts along their own lines." This committee has been continued for several years, and it is earnestly hoped that they will have some practical plan to present at this meeting, and that they may be able to take up also the other publication inrerests of the Church. The Board of Publication will not stand in the way of any forward movement which they may present, but will be glad to give hearty co-operation.

ORGANIZATION.

2. The Board of Publication met in Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., May 19, 1900, and was organized by the election of Rev. V. K. Stickley, Chairman; A. H. Kohu, Secretary, and the contract with the Superintendent was continued for the next biennium.

3. The report of the Superintendent is herewith submitted.

Respectfully,

A. H. KOHN, SECRETARY,
For Committee.

REV. V. R. STICKLEY,
REV. F. V. N. PAINTER,
REV. C. A. FREED,
REV. M. M. KINARD,
REV. M. J. EPTING.
REV. J. A. B. SCHERER,
A. H KOHN,
A. G. WISE,
DR. J. W. EARGLE,
Committee.

The following committee was appointed to nominate Board of Publication: Revs. A. G. Voigt, M. O. J. Kreps, Wm. L. Darr, W. P. Huddle, A. Phillippi, J. S. Elmore, and J. L. Derrick.

The following report on General Conference was made, considered by items and adopted:

REPORT ON THE SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Second general Conference of Lutherans provided for by the joint action of the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod was held in Philadelphia, Pa., April 1-3, 1902. The committee consisting of Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., for the General Council, Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., for the General Synod, and Rev. L. L. Smith for the United Synod, arranged the programme, which was made up of doctrinal and practical subjects of great interest. The essayists from our Southern Luthern Church were Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., of the Southwest Virginia Synod, Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., of the Tennessee Synod, Rev. L. E. Busby, D. D., of the North Carolina Synod, and Rev. W. L. Seabrook, of the South Carolina Synod, and their papers were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the conference. The conference was largely attended and was a notable gathering of Lutherans.

The following action was taken by the conference:

Resolved, That we, as a convention, make known to the three general bodies, by whose authority this conference was called, the desirability of holding another convention of a similar character in the future.

The following recommendations are made:

1. That the United Synod expresses its hearty approval of the recent Second General Conference of Lutherans, and its confidence that the results thereof will be most beneficial, as tending to the better understanding, fraternity, and unification of Lutherans.

2. That a representative of this body be appointed to arrange for a third conference at such time and place as the joint committee may suggest.

3. That said representative with the presidents ot the District Synods be appointed a finance committee to raise the necessary funds.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH, Member of the Joint Committee.

Under item 2 of recommendations, Rev. L. L. Smith was appointed as the representative of this Synod.

Synod adjourned with the benediction by Rev. J. C. Moser.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 8, 4.30 P. M.

Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. M. M. Kinard.

The following report was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, met in its Twenty-eighth Convention in St. Paul's Church, Lima, Ohio, October 10–15, 1901.

It is with extreme regret that I am compelled to report my inability to attend the sessions of the General Council. On behalf of the United Synod, however, I conveyed to that body the greeting of the United Synod and my report in writing, which by the courtesy of that body, was printed in the minutes of the General Council.

That report was in part as follows:

"The regret of the United Synod as a body will be greater even than my own at my inability to convey these greetings in person."

"Of one blood. of one faith, our hearts' dasire is for closest fellowship and co-operation. We have recognized the value of the interchange of personal representatives as a means toward the end which we mutually desire.

"I think I speak for the United Synod when I say that the suggestion that the extreme territory of the Southland might afford an opportunity for practical co-operation on the part of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod of the South, meets with hearty approval on our part, and that the United Synod will be found ready whenever it shall be deemed possible to put such plan into effect. I make this statement after conference with the President of the United Synod and the President and Executive Committee of our Board of Missions, and others." * * *

"If it should prove possible for the General Council and the General Synod to co-operate with us—such co-operation will meet with glad response on our part."

This body has already heard the report of Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., bearing to us the greetings of the General Council. Consequently no extended statement of the work of that body is herein necessary.

W. L. SEABROOK.

On motion, Revs. C. A. Freed, J. H. Wilson and Mr. R. W. Kime were constituted a committee to nominate delegates to the General Council and General Synod.

The report of committee on Church Literature was taken up, and, on motion, item 5th was re-considered, amended and adopted.

The report of committee on Letters and Petitions was received, considered by items and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

1. A communication has been received from the Rev. J. B. Greever, containing statements of a personal nature. Your committee recommends that there be no action on this communication, inasmuch as it does not come within the jurisdiction of this Synod.

2. A communication has been received from the young men's society of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, this city, inviting the clerical and lay members of this Synod to attend the exercises connected with the unveiling of a monument over the grave of the late Rev. L. Muller, D. D., for fifty years pastor of St. Matthew's church. The unvieling will take place tomorrow, Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in Bethany cemetery. Your committee recommends,

That this invitation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. KOHN.
J. W. HORINE.
J. D. CAPPELMANN.

The committee on Common Service reported. Report was considered by items and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Your Committee presents for your consideration a report of its work during the past two years under three heads, viz: 1. Publication of Book of Worship. 2. The Common Book of Service. 3. Co-operation and Arbitration.

I. PUBLICATION OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

The committee renewed its former contract with Elbert H. Aull, Esq., representing the Board of Publication of the United Synod, for the publication of the Book of Worship.

The following are the different styles of bindings and sizes of the book, and the prices at which the same retail and the royalty payable to the United Synod, according to said contract:

	Retail.	Royalty.
Cloth	$ 35	$ 03½
Sheep	50	05
Dark Arabesque	60	06
Arabesque gilt	75	07½
English Turkey, extra gilt	1 50	10
Turkey Morocco, super extra gilt	2 50	10
Turkey Antique	3 00	10
Combination Sets.		
English Turkey (2 vols.), round corners	$2 50	$ 10
English Calf, loose limp, red under gold edges (2 vols.) round corners	4 00	10
Japanese Limp, round corners (2 vols.)	2 00	10
Pulpit Size.		
Dark Arabesque	$1 25	$ 10
Arabesque, gilt edge	1 50	10
English Turkey	2 25	10
Combination Sets.		
English Turkey (2 vols.)	$4 00	$ 10
Arabesque Gilt (2 vols.)	2 50	10
Japanse Limp (2 vols.)	3 00	10

The publisher obligated himself that the paper and binding of the several editions should not be inferior in any particular to the editions of the book heretofore published and sold. The contract also provides that whatever books are on hand at its expiration may be taken by the committee at the cost of manufacturing them, or may by its consent, be sold by the publisher at the prices stipulated in the contract until they are disposed of.

From the account of sales of the Book of Worship, appeuded to this report, it will be seen that there is an income to the United Synod on royalty of $76.41, for which amount we have received Mr. Aull's check.

We bring to your notice that the renewal of the contract of the committee with Mr. Aull, Superintendent of the Board of Publication, expires with this meeting of Synod. Steps should be taken at this convention for the further publication of the Book of Worship.

We are informed by the publisher of the Book of Worship that there is scarcely any demand for certain styles of binding. Sixteen styles of

binding (the number we now have) appear to us to be more than there is need for.

There has also been some demand for the Common Service separate from the hymns. There has also been some demand for a book with music. We appreciate the desire out of which this demand springs. We realize the increased value that an edition with suitable music would give to our book. But we do not think it is expedient to enter upon so great an undertaking at this time in view of the Common Book we are hoping for, and therefore make no recommendation in regard to the matter.

At its last convention the committee was instructed to add a supplement of forty or fifty hymns and a topical index to the Book of Worship, if this was found practicable, and also to publish said supplement and index in separate form.

The committee has not found it practicable to carry out these instructions. A selection of additional hymns was made by the committee and the preparation of a topical index was begun. But when the practical problem of printing and binding this additional matter was taken up, it was found not easy to solve. In the first place it would have made a change necessary in the price of the book. Secondly, the additional matter would have been bound only in the books made up since the last meeting of this body; that is to say, in but a comparatively small number of copies, which came into use in the congregations. Thirdly, the issuing of a separate form if this additional matter would have been virtually another book, the cost of which would hardly justify its existence for mere temporary and necessarily limited use. Nor is there any money available for such a book. In short our negotiations on this undertaking led to no result. You may be inclined to censure the committee for uot executing your instructions. But our failure in the matter must be explained, not because we were disobedient, but because in our judgment the scheme was not practicable.

We make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the committee be authorized to discontinue any style of binding, for which there is not sufficient demand.

2. We recommend that the committee be authorized to issue the Common Service separately, according to their discretion.

3. A request has come from a conference of one of the district synods for the printing of the common text of Luther's Catechism, prepared by the Joint Committee on Common Service and adopted by this Synod at its last convention, separately in cheap form. We recommend that the committee be authorized to do this.

II. THE COMMON BOOK OF SERVICE.

The Common Book of Worship for the English speaking Lutherans of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod has advanced a great stride, although still far from the goal. Meetings of a committee, scattered over so large a territory as the Joint Committee is, will necessarily be few and far between. Your committee was represented in the meeting held in Philadelphia last month. The state of the work is this: Orders for baptism of infants and of adults and for confirmation have been considered and provisionally adopted. Sub-committees have been instructed to present drafts of other orders. The hymnal is assuming definite shape. Several hundreds of hymns have been selected, and minute criticism of the text of many of these has been made.

III. CO-OPERATION AND ARBITRATION.

There is nothing for this committee to report on this line of work. All that should be brought before Synod on this subject has already been presented in the report of the representative of this body, that arranged for the second General Conference of Lutherans, and has already been disposed of.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
L. A. FOX.
R. C. HOLLAND.

E. H. AULL, Superintendent, In Account with Common Service Committee of the United Synod:

1900.					
May 31—By royalty on 36 copies Cloth	$	1 26			
" 4 copies Sheep . . .		20			
" 5 copies Arabesque Plain .		30			
" 3 copies Arabesque Gilt . .		22½			
" 1 copy Jap. Limp comb . .		10			
" 1 copy Eng. Turk. comb .		10	—$2	18½	
June 30—By royalty on 18 copies Cloth		63	—	63	
July 31—By royalty on 8 copies Cloth		28			
" 1 copy Arabesque Gilt . .		07½			
" 1 copy Turk. Antique . .		10	—	45½	
Aug. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Japanese Limp . .		10			
" 1 copy Eng. Turk. comb .		10	—	20	
Sept. 30—By royalty on 1 copy Sheep		05	—	05	
Oct. 30—By royalty on 90 copies Cloth		3 15			
" 1 copy Arabesque plain . .		06			

	"	1 copy Arabesque gilt . .	07½	
	"	1 copy Ara. plain, pulpit .	10	
	"	1 copy Ara., gilt, pulpit . .	10	
	"	3 copies Eng. Turk. comb .	30	— 3 78½
Nov.	30—By royalty on 29 copies Cloth		1 01½	
	"	1 copy Sheep	05	
	"	5 copies Eng. Turk. comb .	50	
	"	2 copies Eng. Calf comb .	20	
	"	6 copies Jap. Limp. comb .	60	
	"	2 copies Eng. Turk. pulpit	20	— 2 50½
Dec.	31—By royalty on 86 copies Cloth		3 01	
	"	9 copies Sheep	45	
	"	6 copies Ara. plain . . .	36	
	"	26 copies Ara. gilt	1 95	
	"	3 copies Eng. Turk. ex. glt.	30	
	"	1 copy Turk. Morocco . .	10	
	"	2 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	20	
	"	6 copies Eng. Calf, comb .	60	
	"	1 copy Jap. Limp, comb. .	10	
	"	5 copies Ara. plain, pulpit	50	
	"	4 copies Ara. gilt, pulpit .	40	
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pul. comb.	10	— 8 07
1901.				
Jan.	31—By royalty on 62 copies Cloth		2 17	
	"	1 copy Arabesque plain . .	06	
	"	2 copies Arabesque gilt . .	15	
	"	1 copy Ara. plain, pulpit .	10	— 2 48
Feb.	28—By royalty on 80 copies Cloth		2 80	
	"	5 copies Ara. plain . . .	30	
	"	1 copy Arabesque gilt . .	07½	
	"	1 copy Turk. Morocco . .	10	— 3 27½
Mar.	31—By royalty on 42 copies Cloth		1 47	
	"	7 copies Sheep	35	
	"	13 copies Arabesque gilt .	97½	
	"	4 copies En. Tur. sup. ex. g.	40	
	"	1 copy Eng. Calf, comb .	10	
	"	7 copies Ara. plain, pulpit .	70	
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pulpit . .	10	
	"	12 copies Jap. Lp. pul. 2 vls.	1 20	
	"	13 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	1 30	
	"	8 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	80	— 7 30½
Apr.	30—By royalty on 59 copies Cloth		2 06½	

	"	9 copies Ara. gilt	67½	
	"	2 copies En. Tur. ex. gilt .	20	
	"	1 copy Tur. Mr. sup. ex. g.	10	
Apr.	30—By royalty on 1 copy En. Turk. comb. .		10	
	"	3 copies Jap. Limp	30	
	"	2 copies Eng. Turk. pulpit	20	
	"	5 copies Eng. Tur. ex. gilt	50	— 4 14
May	31—By royalty on 50 copies Cloth		1 75	
	"	3 copies Sheep . . .	15	
	"	7 copies Ara. gilt	52½	
	"	1 copy Eng. Tur. comb . .	10	
	"	1 copy Jap. Limp	10	
	"	1 copy Ara. plain, pulpit .	10	— 2 72½
June	30—By royalty on 113 copies Cloth		3 95½	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk. comb .	10	
	"	1 copy Jap. Limp	10	
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pulpit . .	10	— 4 25½
July	30—By royalty on 57 copies Cloth . . .		1 99½	
	"	2 copies Sheep	10	
	"	2 copies Ara. plain	12	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk., pulpit	10	
	"	2 copies En. Tur. ex. g. . .	20	— 2 51½
Aug.	31—By royalty on 60 copies Cloth		2 10	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk., comb .	10	
	"	1 copy Dark Ara., pulpit .	10	
	"	2 copies Ara. gilt, pulpit .	20	— 2 50
Sept.	30—By royalty on 42 copies Cloth		1 47	
	"	2 copies Ara. plain	12	
	"	2 copies Ara. gilt	15	— 1 74
Oct.	30—By royalty on 1 copy Sheep		05	
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt	07½	
	"	1 copy Eng. Tur. comb. .	10	
	"	2 copies Dark Ara. pulpit .	20	— 42½
Nov.	30—By royalty on 100 copies Cloth		3 50	
	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pulpit . .	10	— 3 60
Dec.	30—By royalty on 104 copies Cloth		3 64	
	"	6 copies Sheep	30	
	"	2 copies Ara. plain	12	
	"	10 copies En. Tur. ex. gilt .	1 00	
	"	2 copies Tur. Mor. s. e. g .	20	
	"	16 copies En. Turk. comb .	1 60	
	"	10 copies Jap. Limp . . .	1 00	

	"	1 copy Ara. gilt, pulpit . .	10	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk., pulpit .	10	
	"	1 copy En. Tur. pul. comb.	10	— 8 16
1902.				
Jan. 30	—By royalty on	7 copies Cloth	24½	
	"	2 copies Sheep	10	
	"	5 copies Ara. plain	30	
	"	1 copy Eng. Calf, comb .	10	
	"	2 copies Ara. plain, pulpit	20	
	"	1 copy Jap. Lmp, pul. cmb.	10	— 1 04½
Feb. 28	—By royalty on	100 copies Cloth	3 50	
	"	2 copies Sheep	10	
	"	5 copies Ara. plain . . .	30	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk. comb. .	10	— 4 00
Mch. 31	—By royalty on	82 copies Cloth	2 87	
	"	8 copies Sheep	40	
	"	7 copies Ara. plain	42	
	"	7 copies Ara. gilt	52½	
	"	3 copies Eng. Tu. ex. gilt .	30	
	"	9 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	90	
	"	2 copies Eng. Calf comb .	20	
	"	1 copy Dark Ara. pulpit .	10	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit .	10	—$5 81½
Apr. 3	—By royalty on	71 copies Cloth	2 48½	
	"	3 copies Sheep	15	
	"	4 copies Ara. plain	24	
	"	7 copies Ara. gilt	52½	
	"	1 copy Tur. Mor. sup. ex. g.	10	
	"	1 copy Eng. Calf, comb .	10	
	"	7 copies Ara. gilt, pulpit .	70	
	"	1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit .	10	—$4 40
				$76 41

SUMMARY.

1296 copies Cloth	$45 36
49 copies Sheep	2 45
45 copies Arabesque Plain	2 70
80 copies Arabesque Gilt	6 00
25 copies English Turkey Extra Gilt	2 50
10 copies Turkey Morocco Super Extra Gilt	1 00
1 copy Turkey Antique	10

64 copies English Turkey Comb	6 40	
13 copies English Calf Comb	1 30	
24 copies Japanese Limp Comb	2 40	—$70 21
1607		

PULPIT.

21 copies Arabesque Plain	$ 2 10	
18 copies Arabesque Gilt	1 80	
8 copies English Turkey	80	
1 copy English Turkey Comb	10	
1 copy Arabesque Gilt Comb	10	
13 copies Japanese Limp	1 30	
62		—$ 6 20
1607		
1669		$76 41

BOOKS ON HAND APRIL 30, 1902.

Cloth	1
Sheep	27
Arabesque Plain	65
Arabesque Gilt	46
English Calf Comb	15
Turkey Antique	4

PULPIT SIZE.

Japanese Limp Comb	40
English Turkey Comb	20
Arabesque Gilt Comb	20
Arabesque Gilt	7
Arabesque Plain	10
English Turkey	1

Rev. J. L. Frantz of Maryland Synod was received as an advisory member.

The report of committee on President's report was received and considered by items. Items 1 to 9 were adopted. Action on item 10, section a, was deferred until the report on Orphan Home is made. Sections b, c, d, e and f were adopted. Item 11 was adopted.

Under item 2 the following committee was appointed: Revs. J. A. Snyder, J. J. Scherer, and E. H. Kohn.

The Secretary was, on motion, instructed to have the Minutes of this Synod, together with those of the General Synod, South, and the Diet, bound, and the Treasurer is instructed to pay the cost of the same.

Pending the further consideration of the report Synod adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. S. C. Ballentine.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 9, 9:30 A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. H. Kohn.

The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That Dr. F. Muench, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, S. C., but now of New York, is entitled to, and does hereby receive the unanimous vote of thanks of this body for his valuable services in connection with the location of the Theological Seminary in its present handsome and commodious home at Mt. Pleasant, and that the board of directors of the Seminary be requested to make suitable record of said service whereby this labor of love and self-sacrificing devotion of Dr. Muench may receive merited recognition.

The report of the Orphan Home was received and ordered printed in our Minutes.

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME

To the United Synod: As required by your Body, the Lutheran Orphan Home, Salem, Va., takes pleasure in submitting the following report of its work:

We have reason to be grateful for the measure of success that has attended our orphan work for the past two years. The work has steadily grown in the number of children cared for and in the support given by the Church. Its internal management shows a higher efficiency.

The officers of the Board of Trustees, who are now elected only upon the nomination of the committee of the United Synod, are as follows: Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., President; Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Secretary; Mr. Paul S. Davis, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee, which holds frequent meetings to consider applications for admission and to watch over the general interests of the Home, is as follows: Dr. Miller, Dr. Painter, Hon. H. S. Trout, Col. A. M. Bowman, Mr. T. J. Shickel, and Mr. C. Markly.

The officers charged with the internal management and work of the Home are as follows: Rev. B. W. Cronk, Superintendent; Mrs. B. W. Cronk, matron; Miss Sallie J. Fisher, Miss Lee S. Stoutamire, and Miss Rosa Hankla, assistants.

During the last two years there have been forty-eight (48) children in the Home, of which number thirty-eight are still being cared for. Others, as they have approached the age limit of eighteen, and have thus became able to take care of themselves, have been returned to friends or placed in position to earn there own livelihood.

The average cost for each child, including gifts in kind, has been about $75. While this is slightly more than the cost reported in former years, it is still much below that of similar institutions. The Home is conducted with great economy; and the increase of cost has been due, partly to the advanced price of the necessaries of life, and partly to the greater comforts and advantages which the children have enjoyed.

The Home now has a graded course of study in its school, and gives especial attention to the elementary education of the children. In addition to the branches usually taught, instruction is given in the catechism, the doctrines and usages of our Church, and church history.

Besides the religious exercises held regularly in the Home, the children attend the Sunday School, the catechetical classes, and the religious services of the College Church in Salem. Especial importance is attached to the moral and spiritual culture of the children; and it is a gratifying fact that nearly all, upon reaching a suitable age, become confirmed members of the church.

The manual training of the children is not neglected. Both boys and girls, except in recreation hours, are constantly kept at some employment. The aim of the Home is not only to train them in habits of industry, but also, as far as possible, to fit them for earning a livelihood when they leave our care.

The printing office has been a valuable adjunct in our work. Besides helping in the practical training of the children, it has been made a source of income. The Home has published the Messenger, two monthly

parish papers, the Minutes of the Southwest Virginia Synod, its own annual reports, besides a number of smaller jobs. All this has been done under the direction of the superintendent without the employment of a foreman.

The contributions in cash and in kind received from the various district synods the past year are as follows:

Synod of Southwest Virginia	$1026 64
Virginia Synod	692 86
Synod of South Carolina	527 05
North Carolina Synod	341 15
Tennessee Synod	137 85
Holston Synod	59 37
Georgia Synod	41 99
Mississippi Synod	15 00
Miscellaneous	660 75
Printing office	225 00
	$3727 66

The total income of the Home for the year has been $3727.66, of which amount $889.87 was for the property fund.

It is gratifying to be able to mention two bequests since the last meeting of your Body. The first is a bequest of $600 by the Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., for many years an honored member of the United Synod. This bequest is not at present available. The other is a bequest by Mr. George W. Lowery, a prosperous farmer of Roanoke County, Va., from which the Home will realize about $2000. The greater part of this amount has already been paid.

No General effort has been made to pay off the indebtedness incurred in the purchase of the present commodious and handsome property. At the suggestion of the Chairman of the Seminary Endowment Committee, the Home has withheld its appeal. Now that the work of that committee is happily concluded, it is hoped that the United Synod will at this meeting take steps to liquidate the Orphan Home debt. To this end the Executive Committee, in another paper, submits a plan for your consideration and adoption.

Respectfully submitted,
F. V. N. PAINTER, *Secretary.*

A plan for paying the Orphan Home debt was proposed, received and considered by items.

Pending the discussion the special order set for 11 A. M.

was called up, and the Synod was addressed on the work of the American Bible Society by Rev. Thos. H. Law, D. D.

It was

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the Rev. Dr. Thos. H. Law, Field Agent of the American Bible Society for this district, and that we express our hearty sympathy with the work and commend it to our ministers and congregations.

The consideration of the plan for the liquidation of the Orphan Home debt was resumed.

On motion, the whole question, with pending resolutions, was referred to a special committee to report tomorrow morning.

Committee: Geo. B. Cromer, W. A. Deaton, L. G. M. Miller, L. L. Smith, J. S. Elmore, F. M. Harr, J. L. Derrick, and J. Q. Wertz.

Item 10, section a, of the report of the committee on President's report was taken up, amended, and referred to special committee on Orphan Home.

The committee to nominate fraternal delegates reported. The report was adopted.

Your Committee appointed to nominate fraternal delegates to the General Bodies would submit the following:

To the General Council—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Principal; Alternate, Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D.

To the General Synod—Principal, Rev. L. L. Smith; Alternate, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. FREED,
J. H. WILSON.
R. W. KIME.

The privileges of the floor were granted to Mr. E. H. Aull, superintendent of the Board of Publication. Mr. Aull addressed the Synod on the work of the Board.

Report of committee to nominate Board of Publication was read and recommitted.

The following report of visitor to Elizabeth College was received and adopted:

REPORT OF VISITOR TO ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

When the promoters of Elizabeth College six or seven years ago announced their intention of founding an institution within the bounds of the United Synod for the higher education of its young women, equal to that of our best colleges for men, and affording opportunities for the advanced study of special brances, and that this institution would have modern equipments, modern conveniences, and a strong faculty, ranking it with leading institutions for women in the South, and that not less than $50,000 would be put into the plant, the undertaking seemed so far in advance of what had hitherto been accomplished among us, that, while the announcement brought joy to many in the Church, it also suggested the possibility of defeat, by virtue of the very unusual undertaking.

But what has actually been accomplished is five fold greater than what was promised.

My visit to the institution, as provided for by this Synod, was made last spring, comprising the greater part of commencement week. What I witnessed and learned of the institution was highly gratifying to me, and should be a cause for gratitude on the part of our entire Church.

The institution has an unusually fine site of twenty acres on the eastern border of the city. It has an elevation that gives it a commanding view of the city and surrouuding country, as well as affords excellent natural drainage, and is beautifully shaded by native oaks, and ornamental trees. It is approached by the main eastern thoroughfare of the city. The city street railway is to be extended this summer to the entrance of the college grounds. The site, which was the gift of the city, is now worth $50,000.

The buildings consist of one main college building, the Gerard Conservatory of Music, the President's house, cottages for servants, and barns. The college buildings are substantially and splendidly built, elegantly furnished, have every modern convenience, and are admirably arranged for the purposes for which they are intended.

There have been spent on the buildings, the departments, furnishings and equipment, $140,000.

During the past year, $14,500 have been spent for improvements. Of this amount, $10,500 were gifts. Among the improvements are the Gerard Conservatory of Music, a physical and chemical Laboratory, and additions to the Library.

The health of the students and teachers, since the founding of the

institution, has been excellent. The natural advantages of climate and location, the good sanitary provisions in the building, and the care and system of the institution, including the presence throughout the year of a skilled trained nurse, who acts as an adviser to the students, and constantly protects their interests, have secured to the college a gratifying health record.

The literary curriculum of the college compares favorably with that of the leading schools of our Church. The institution has decided to confer, after the present year, only the collegiate degree of Bachelor of Arts, and has slightly raised the course for this degree. It offers exceptionally good courses in music and art, conferring degrees in these departments.

The policy of the college, announced at the beginning, of employing a full corps of able teachers has been maintained, both as to the collegiate and special departments. The institution requires that its teachers have both collegiate and post-graduate preparation, as well as successful experience in teaching. I am informed that the college has materially strengthened for the next year its already able faculty.

It is a pleasure to note the growing prestige of this advanced and noble enterprise in the bounds of our Church. It is gradually and surely winning the confidence of the public in educational circles. It has an enrollment of one hundred and nineteen students this year, drawn from nine states—a patronage which has come to it on account of its recognized superior advantages. A feature which should be especially pleasing to our Church is the Lutheran status of the institution. The members of the faculty are Lutherans, with a few exceptions. Its Board of Directors and its management are wholly Lutheran. Whilst no denominational influence is sought to be exerted on students from other denominations, a Lutheran atmosphere pervades the college life. The students are under Lutheran influence, both at the college and in their church life.

For five years this institution has been maintained with increasing influence and usefulness. Not only has a large amount of money been spent in the erection and equipment of the buildings, but also a considerable amount annually in maintaining its high standard and superior advantages. Its promoters and management have more than made good their promises. It is worthy of the unreserved endorsement, continued patronage, and fostering interest of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HORINE.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary reported. Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The newly elected Board held its first meeting May 19th, 1900, and organized with the following officers: Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., President; Rev. J. H. Wilson, Vice-President; C. M. Efird, Treasurer, and George B. Cromer, Secretary. The bond of the Treasurer was fixed at $10,000, and it was duly executed by him, with the American Bonding and Trust Company of Baltimore City as surety.

The Revs. K. Boldt, J. W. Horine and J. A. B. Scherer, were requested to continue their services in the Seminary, which they kindly consented to do. The President of the Seminary was authorized to have the closing exercises May 25th, and to graduate Mr. F. K. Roof.

The following Central Committee was appointed to execute the Seminary Memorial Endowment plan adopted by the Synod: Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Chairman; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. J. W. Horine, Rev. Prof. J. A. Morehead, and Messrs. C. Wulbern and J. D. Cappelmann.

The Executive Committee of the Board, which has power to act for the Board, *ad interim*, met at the Seminary May 29, 1901. At this meeting the resignation of Prof. F. Muench, who, as instructor, had rendered valuable services to the institution, was accepted. Arrangements were made for the continuance of the services of the Rev. Messrs. Boldt, Horine and J. A. B. Scherer.

A called meeting of the Board was held at Roanoke, Va., August 29, 1901, to consider the following letter of resignation from Prof. Morehead:

MOUNT PLEASANT, S. C., Aug. 5, 1901.

To the President of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary:

Dear Brother: Owing to the condition of my health, I feel it a duty both to myself and to the Church to hand to you herewith my resignation as President of the Seminary. This conclusion is reached only after protracted experiment and reflection. It is needless to attempt to convey an idea of the regret I feel; I trust you to understand what cannot be expressed.

Yours very sincerely,

J. A. MOREHEAD.

The letter was received with profound regret by the Board and the situation was recognized as grave and embarrassing. The Board declined to accept the resignation, but gave Professor Morehead a vacation of twelve months. The following action was also taken: "That the Board hereby recognizes its obligation to Professor Morehead during his vacation and that the matter of salary for this time be referred to the

Executive Committee for such action as it may deem best under the circumstances, for the reason that the Board, very much to its regret, does not see its way clear from its stated income to assure this obligation."

The Board reports with sentiments of deep gratitude that Professor Morehead, who has been traveling and studying in Europe, announces that he will sail for America on the 10th of May, fully restored to health and ready to resume his duties at the Seminary in October. By action of the Board his salary will begin the 1st of July. He has received no salary during his vacation, owing to his unwillingness for the Executive Committee to make an appeal to our congregations with the possible effect of interfering with the Endowment Movement. The Board proceeded at once to the election of a second professor, and the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer was chosen. He yielded to the urgent solicitation of the Board and entered promptly upon the discharge of his duties. The work of the session just closed attests his eminent fitness for the work, and the wisdom of his choice.

The work of the Seminary for the two last sessions is fully set forth in the annual report of Professor Morehead for 1900-1901, and that of Professor Scherer for 1901-1902. The Board asks that these reports, which are presented as part of this report, be printed in the Minutes of Synod.

The work of the Seminary will be carried on during the coming session by Profs. Morehead and Scherer, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Boldt, Horine and J. A. B. Scherer, each of whom has generously consented to teach two hours a week.

It is the estimate of the Board that the Seminary will be able to meet all its expenses if the district Synods will pay two-thirds of the apportionments heretofore assumed by them respectively.

The last meeting of the Board was held May 6th, 1902. At this meeting the Central Endowment Committee submitted its report, showing the following gratifying results of the Endowment Movement: Total cash and subscriptions, $28,668.93; cash, $19,901.51:

The report accompanies this report as part thereof with the request that the tabulated statement be printed in the Minutes. (See appendix A.)

RECOMMENDATION.—The Board respectfully recommends:

1. That the annual reports of Professors Morehead and Scherer for the last two sessions, and a summary of the Treasurer's report for the same time be printed in the Minutes.

2. That the tabulated report of the Central Endowment Committee be printed in the Minutes.

3. That the Board be instructed to continue the endowment work in hand until all subscriptions shall have been paid; and that, without spe-

cial solicitation, it give to all congregations and individuals who may desire to contribute to the endowment fund continuous opportunity to do so.

4. That the district Synods be requested to pay for the next year, beginning October, 1902, two-thirds of the apportionments heretofore assumed by them respectively, in order that the Seminary Board may not be embarrassed in the prompt fulfilment of its obligations; and that for the year beginning October 1, 1903, the apportionments be further reduced if the Board shall find that the income from the endowment fund shall justify such reduction.

It is with a sense of profound gratitude to God that the Board makes a report so gratifying. The synods and congregations are loyal and united in their support of the Seminary; the endowment movement has virtually succeeded; the attendance of students is gratifying; the institution has better equipment and a fuller teaching force than ever before in its history. The outlook is full of hope and promise, and nothing but continued and united effort on the part of the Synod is needed to enable the Seminary to fulfil its great mission in the development of our Southern Church.

Upon the recommendation of the Century Memorial Committee, the Board has authorized the placing in the chapel of a suitable memorial of William Melanchthon Lown, who bequeathed the sum of one thousand dollars to the Seminary as part of the Century Endowment Fund.

ROBERT C. HOLLAND, *President.*

GEO. B. CROMER, *Secretary.*

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave to present the following report on the work of the Theological Seminary for the session 1901–1902.

The session was opened Wednesday October 2nd, 1901. In addition to the usual exercises the undersigned was duly installed by the Rev. J. H. Wilson, Vice-President of the Board, as second professor; and, owing to the temporary absence of Prof. Morehead, was charged with the executive management of the Seminary, in accordance with the action of the Board.

1. The course of studies adopted and heretofore presented in outline to the Board has been followed without material change.

2. In addition to the efficient service rendered by Rev. Prof. K. Boldt, as per agreement with the Board, Rev. J. W. Horine and Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., have given valuable assistance as in preceding years; the

former lecturing two hours per week throughout the entire session, the latter one and a half hours in each alternate week except during the months of December and January. This they have done at their own charges and with considerable expenditure of time and labor. It is recommended that they be at least suitably reimbursed, and that, if possible, arrangements be made whereby each of the three gentlemen named in this part of the report may be retained on the teaching force of the Seminary.

3. The attendance of students during the session has been larger than for many years, the number being fifteen. Seven of these were from the North Carolina Synod, three from the Tennessee Synod, two from the South Carolina Synod, two from the Synod of Georgia, and one from the Southwest Virginia Synod. The health of the students has been good. The attention paid to study, the gentlemanly behavior of the students, and the devotional life of the institution, have been very gratifying.

4. The Junior Class is composed of five young men; viz, Messrs. Geo. H. L. Lingle, of Salisbury, N. C., Charles R. Pless, of Concord, N. C., C. A. Ritchie, of Faith, N. C., Thaddeus B. Epting, of Pomaria, S. C., and W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., of Savannah, Ga. These, having successfully completed the studies of the junior year, are recommended for advancement to the middle class.

5. For reasons which seemed to warrant such a course, Mr. C. I. Morgan, who was the only member of the Junior Class of the previous session to return, was permitted to take, in addition to certain work of the Middle Year which was regarded most necessary in his case, the studies of the Senior Year. Thus the enrolment for the session now ending shows no Middle Class. Mr. Morgan has done the work required of him in a satisfactory manner.

The other members of the Senior Class who have now completed the entire course at the Seminary, and have passed the final examinations, are Messrs. M. Q. Boland, Edward Fulenwider, S. P. Koon, J. L. Morgan, J. W. Nease, Otto C. Petersen, Charles A. Phillips, V. C. Ridenhour and K. Y. Umberger. These together with Mr. C. I. Morgan are, therefore, recommended for graduation.

It is gratifying to report that five of these young men have already received calls and will at once enter upon the work of the ministry. As there are many vacancies within the bounds of our United Synod it is hoped that the others will soon find work to do in the Master's vineyard.

The prospect for students for the next session is at present very favorable.

6. As according to present arrangements there was room for the accom-

modation of only fourteen students at the Seminary, the necessity of providing quarters for the fifteenth was met, after consultation with the Auxiliary Committee, by renting a furnished room in the village at a cost of $4.00 per month.

7. The assistance that has been rendered by the Local Auxiliary Committee from its institution can hardly be too highly estimated. It is very desirable that this committee be continued.

8. Arrangements have been made for the closing of the session on Sunday night, May 11th. This seemed advisable for several reasons; especially, that the closing exercises might be held in connection with the meeting of the United Synod, and that there might not exist the necessity for another meeting of the Board so soon after the adjournment of that body. We request that this action be approved.

Respectfully submitted,
M. G. G. SCHERER.

May 6th, 1902.

Apportionments to the Synods in behalf of Theological Seminary for the year beginning October 1, 1901:

North Carolina Synod	$200
Tennessee Synod	150
South Carolina Synod	215
Virginia Synod	180
Southwest Virginia Synod	130
Georgia Synod	100
Holston Synod	25
	$1000

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

ESTEEMED AND DEAR SIR: At the close of another scholastic year I beg leave to offer the usual report of the work of the session and to make certain recommendations.

By the blessing of God, notwithstanding some difficulties, the internal affairs of the Seminary have continued in good working condition. The health of the students has been excellent, no serious case of illness having occurred in the student body during the year. The work done by the students has been praiseworthy. Their devotional spirit and scholarly zeal have characterized the present session's classroom work. Instruction on the part of the faculty has been regular except for the six week's absence of your senior professor. The Seminary is rapidly developing

an internal life, atmosphere, and character calculated to give permanency and strength of influence in the performance of its mission to the Church.

In order to exhibit the Seminary's lines of activity during the past session, attention is respectfully called to the following items:

1. STUDENTS.—There have been fourteen students in regular attendance during the present session. According to States, there are three from Virginia, four from North Carolina, six from South Carolina, and one from Georgia. Considered according to colleges, two are from Roanoke College, four from North Carolina College, two from Lenoir College, and six from Newberry College. Considered according to district synods, there are two from the Southwest Virginia Synod, four from the North Carolina Synod, three from the Tennessee Synod, four from the South Carolina Synod, and one from the Georgia Synod. Their distribution, according to classes, is as follows: Senior Class, three; Middle Class, nine; Junior Class, two. The three members of the Senior Class have received and accepted calls: Mr. L. P. Boland, to the Beth Eden pastorate, of the Mississippi Synod; Mr. W. B. Aull to the Buena Vista Mission, of the Virginia Synod; Mr. C. W. Kegley, to St. Matthew's, Wilmington, of the North Carolina Synod. The members of the Junior Class, both from Lenoir College, have done some work in theology previous to entering the Seminary. This has been of great value to them in the pursuit of their studies, but is not an entire equivalent of a year's work in the Seminary, nor does the work previously done correspond to our junior year. Hence these gentlemen are ranked, as to class, according to the location of the majority of their studies.

It is recommended, on the basis of grades and examination papers herewith filed for your inspection:

(a). That Messrs. W. B. Aull, L. P. Boland, and C. W. Kegley, of the Senior Class, be graduated.

(b). That Messrs. M. Q. Boland, Edward Fulenwider, S. P. Koon, J. L. Morgan, J. W. Nease, Otto Petersen, C. A. Phillips, V. C. Ridenhour, and K. Y. Umberger, of the Middle Class, receive class advancement.

(c). That Messrs. John Hall and C. I. Morgan, of the Junior Class, receive class advancement.

The outlook for new students the coming session is very good.

2. THE TEACHING FORCE.—The arrangements for instruction, authorized at the Winston meeting of your honorable body, have been put into operation without material modification. Rev. K. Boldt has regularly and faithfully conducted recitations in the following subjects, as indicated: Isagogics, all classes, 1 hour a week; N. T. Greek, all classes, 2½ hours a week; Hebrew, 4 hours a week (Junior 2, Middle 1, Senior 1);

Church History, 5 hours a week (Junior 2, Middle 2, Senior 1). Rev. J. W. Horine regularly gave 2 hours to instruction every other week—one hour to all classes in Liturgics, one hour to Senior Class in Catechetics. Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., gave instruction 1 hour every other week —the first half of session to all classes in Evangelistics, the last half to Junior and Middle Classes upon Life and Work of Christ, and the Apostles (second half Sacred History). During my six weeks' absence, Rev. J. W. Horine assumed the work in Homiletics for all classes until my return, and in conjunction with Rev. K. Boldt, conducted the Monday conferences including chapel exercises in Homiletics. Rev. Dr. Scherer assumed the one hour a week in English Bible for all classes from the time of my illness till the end of the session. Your professor begs to state that, with the exception of six weeks of enforced absence from the middle of February till the 1st of April, he has regularly met classes as follows: English Bible, 1 hour a week, all classes; Sacred History, Junior and Middle Classes, 1 hour a week; Encyclopedia of Theology (including Hermeneutics), Junior Class, 2 hours a week; Symbolics, Middle Class, 2 hours a week; Old T. Theology, Senior Class, 1 hour a week; History of Doctrines, Senior Class, 1 hour a week; Apologetics, Junior Class, 2 hours a week; Dogmatics, 5 hours a week (Junior 2 hours, Middle 2 hours, Senior 1 hour); Book of Concord, Senior Class, 1 hour a week; Christian Ethics, Senior and Middle Classes, 2 hours a week; Homiletics, 5 hours a week (Junior 1, Middle 2, Senior 2); Pastoral Theology, Senior Class, 1 hour a week, two-thirds of session; Church Polity, 1 hour a week one-third of session; Conference and exercises in preaching on Mondays and Wednesdays respectively, average 2 hours a week.

(a). It is recommended that Revs. J. W. Horine and J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., be reimbursed for their expenses to the extent of not less than $25.00 each. Their services to the Seminary have been valuable and the Church owes a debt of gratitude on account thereof. It is also here expressed as my personal wish that the Board of Directors kindly make an equitable deduction from my salary in order to remunerate these two gentlemen for their partial assumption of my work in connection with my illness.

(b). It is recommended that the same arrangements for instruction be continued for next session, except the addition of O. T. Theology to Rev. K. Boldt's department, without additional remuneration; the designation of junior Homiletics and Catechetics as Rev. J. W. Horine's department; and the assignment of the English Bible and Evangelistics to Rev. Dr. Scherer, thus giving the two gentlemen last named two hours a week each.

(c). It is further recommended that a proper remuneration be offered

Revs. J. W. Horine and J. A. B. Scherer in order to do present justice to them and in order to look to their continued connection, in some sense, with the teaching force of the institution.

In case of the partial incapacity of your professor to do full work next year in conformity with the above plan, one or more of the brightest men in the coming Senior Class might be employed as tutors, in such measure not to interfere with their work. However, such a necessity is not anticipated, and doubtless God will open the way in case of unforeseen emergencies.

It is sincerely hoped that the further blessing of God upon the Endowment Movement may justify your honorable body in practically considering the election of a second professor at such meeting as may be held at the convention of the United Synod in Charleston next May. Such an event alone, humanly speaking, can solve the pressing problem of the maintenance of a course of instruction commensurate with the demands of the Church and the age for an *educated ministry*. It may be thought by some that our course of study, as constituted at present, is too comprehensive. But one needs only to know the trend of modern thought and popular opinion to recognize the wisdom of our points of emphasis, as it is believed. The spirit of unbelief and indifferentism imposes upon us the necessity of putting stress upon Apologetics for the defense of a positive Christian faith. The loosening of the sense of duty and growing moral laxity, characteristic of our age, suggest the emphasis of Christian ethics. The recognized need for an able, scriptural pulpit, popular in the good sense of the term, logically requires a more effective work in Homiletical instruction. The importance of a more thorough mastery of the English Bible and our evangelical confessions no one will deny. These subjects our Seminary seeks to emphasize for the reasons given. All other branches are incorporated by the common consent of the Church at large and in conformity with general practice. There can, then, be no lowering of ideals, if our Seminary is to take high rank among similar institutions and, above all, if she is truly and fully to serve her day and generation. The completion of the "Century Movement," so happily in progress, and the endowment thereby of the second professorship is therefore a practical necessity. May I be permitted here to remark that the immediate management of the Seminary is deeply grateful to God for the marked success thus far manifest in the progress of the work of endowment. Our greatest expectations have promise of fulfillment.

3. Beneficiary Aid.—This department of the work of the Church, in connection with the Seminary, has been signally blessed. For the support of our needy students, the sum of $1,250.00 has during the year been appropriated by synods, congregations and individuals. Synods have

appropriated for this object as follows: Southwest Virginia Synod, $100; Tennessee Synod, $200; North Carolina Synod, $400; South Carolina Synod, $375. Besides these, demands have been made upon the Seminary's "Special Beneficiary Aid and Scholarship Fund" by two young men, who were unable to secure requisite assistance from their synods. These two men, Messrs. John Hall and C. W. Kegley, are worthy and deserving. In partial consideration of help extended, these gentlemen rendered service in clerical work, care of library, etc. The contributors to this fund during current session were St. Andrew's Church, Charleston, $50; St. Johannes' Church, Charleston, $25; "A Helper," $100. The appropriations have been, to Mr. Kegley, $100; to Mr. Hall, $75. Vouchers are submitted herewith. In the disposition of this Fund, the following principles obtain: (a) Calls are made for contributions only in case of need; (b) young men of consecration and manifest ability, as certified to by pastors, church councils and college professors, are alone considered eligible to these scholarships; (c) the beneficiaries of these scholarships are developed in the manly spirit of self-help by the assignment to them of some regular general duties in addition to Seminary course.

4. Donations of Books to Seminary Library.—This feature of the work has been materially advanced during the year. Many valuable books have been added. The following list is appended, showing the names of those to whom gratitude is due:

One volume, (Vol. IV Southern History Association), and Chart of the Reformation, drawn by himself, presented by Prof. F. Muench, Ph. D.

One volume, (Luther's German Writings), presented by The Lutheran Visitor.

One volume, (Lutherans in Japan), presented by the Publication Board United Synod.

One volume, (Thayne's Greek-English Lexicon), presented by Rev. P. Miller.

One volume, (The Light of the World), presented by Mrs. G. W. Holland.

One volume, (German Bible), presented by Mr. F. Liebig, Sr.

Four volumes, presented by German Friendly Society, Charleston.

Nine volumes, presented by Rev. V. R. Stickley.

Nine volumes, presented by Rev. W. A. C. Mueller.

Twelve volumes, presented by Miss Lihinthal.

Sixty-one volumes, presented by Mrs. M. L. Hawkins and son, Charles.

These gifts aggregate 101 volumes and one map received during the year. It is proposed to sell duplicate volumes, when not objected to by donors, and to use proceeds to purchase recent publications for the

library. In this way and by the continued liberality of friends, we may look for increasing efficiency in this branch of the work. The reading room has been maintained as heretofore.

5. DONATION OF ORGAN.—The encouragiug news has just been received that Mr. M. P. Moller, manufacturer of organs, Hagerstown, Md., has decided to present to the Seminary for its chapel a handsome cabinet chapel organ, walnut case. This constitutes an important addition to our appointments.

6. LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.—In the early part of this session, the Lutharan Pastors' Association of Charleston, gave the proceeds of their United Reformation service to the Seminary to purchase needed furniture for students' rooms. The amount contributed was $27.06, of which $14.50 has been expended to furnish a study, etc., as accompanying vouchers show. To Mr. R. G. Chisolm is due much credit for securing much of the money to make improvements in the way of furnishing chapel and reception room in part, grading grounds, and erecting a temporary fence until hedge can be planted. I was unable personally to superintend the making of these improvements (except chapel), but Mr. Chisolm kindly performed that work. His statement of receipts and expenditures are submitted herewith. The total expenditures from contribution of Pastors' Association and through Mr. Chisolm amount to $276.93. This leaves a balance in hand of $14.61.

There is still need for additional work in the way of improving the grounds and furnishing students' rooms, but the most pressing demand upon us is for suitable library furniture. The books already in hand cannot be properly preserved until shelves are secured for their accommodation.

7. GENERAL MATTERS.—

(a). The Boarding Hall has been acceptably conducted during the year by Mr. J. W. Nease, of the middle class. Mr. Nease wishes to be continued in the same capacity for the ensuing session.

(b). Your honorable body referred to me the question of the publication of a catalogue during the year just closing. In my judgment, the issuance of a catalogue would have been the wise course under all the circumstances. I had planned to accomplish this during March and February, work having just been begun upon it, when my unexpected attack put it out of my power up to the present time to enter again upon the preparation of material. This matter is left to such consideration as you may see fit to give it.

(c). The conduct of the students has been uniformly courteous, gentlemanly, and good. The government of the students during the session has been accompanied with no difficulties worthy of mention.

(d). The expense accounts including all items not previously reported, is submitted herewith. It will be noted that the item of rent is this year $75, instead of $100, as heretofore. This is due to the fact that my cottage has been sub-rented for three summer months, and it is expected that your treasury show in savings on this account.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.—The following are respectfully suggested for your consideration:

(a) That diplomas similar to those now used, but having form adapted to Newberry location, be prepared for the benefit of *alumni*, who desire them.

(b). That in the future our closing exercises be public, on invitation be held in neighboring churches, and one suitable speaker be secured for sermon, his expenses to be defrayed from your treasury.

(c). That provision in advance for incidental expenses be made in such form as your body may deem wise.

In conclusion, I can but express my heartfelt appreciation of the kindness of my colleagues of the teaching force, of the local auxiliary committee, and of the members of the Board of Directors, during my illness the past spring. While, on account of my relation to the work, etc., regretting that it pleased God to permit this visitation, I am sensible of His goodness in sparing my life and granting already, measurably, my restoration. As to my future, in respect to this matter in its bearing upon the welfare of the Seminary, I am at present entirely subject to the wisdom of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD,

Chairman of Faculty.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the United Synod, while grateful to all the committees and individuals that have contributed to the success of the Seminary Endowment movement, hereby express an especial sense of appreciation for the services of Dr. Robert C. Holland, whose faithful, tireless and enthusiastic leadership has been an inspiring example to the entire Church.

Synod, on motion, accepted an invitation from the committee on Entertainment to visit the Isle of Palms and the Theological Seminary tomorrow afternoon.

Synod was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. G. D. Bernheim.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 10, 9:30 A. M.

Synod convened and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. R. Beck.

The special committee on Orphan Home reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF ORPHAN HOME COMMITTEE.

Your Committee asks leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the further consideration of "A plan for paying the Orphan Home debt," offered by its board of trustees, be postponed until the next biennial convention of this Synod.

2. That the Synod express its purpose to adopt at its next biennial convention a plan for paying said debt, provided that it shall at that time appear that the Synod is legally competent to assume the control of the property and management of the Orphan Home; and, to this end, that the Board of Trustees be requested to make at that convention of Synod an explicit statement showing the status of the title to the property and the terms of the charter of the Orphan Home, the statement to be accompanied with a legal opinion.

3. That the Synod do now constitute the members of the present Board of Trustees a Board of Trustees of the Orphan Home with authority to have the charter of the Orphan Home so amended as to make the purpose of the second item of this report practicable and to protect the rights and properity of the Orphan Home, if the present Board of Trustees shall deem it advisable to secure an amended charter.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The following are the members: L. G. M. Miller, D. D., President, Roanoke, Va.; F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Secretary, Salem, Va. Mr. T. J. Shickel, President; J. D. Dreher, Ph. D., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., J. P. Houtz, Esq., Mr. J. W. F. Allemong, Rev. C. B. King, Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel, Col. A. M. Bowman, D. B. Strouse, Esq., Mr. C. Markley, Rev. H. F. Shealy, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Mr. J. P. Gose, Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Hon. H. S. Trout.

4. That the Orphan Home be warmly commended to the moral and pecuniary support of our people, and that Synod recognize the right of the Board of Trustees to continue its appeals to the Church for aid, in-

cluding contributions to pay the Orphan Home debt and the interest thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER.
L. G. M. MILLER.
W. A. DEATON.
L. L. SMITH.
J. L. DERRICK.
J. S. ELMORE.
F. M. HARR.
J. Q. WERTZ.

The committee appointed to nominate Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was constituted as follows: Revs. C. B. Miller, W. L. Darr, C. A. Freed, and Messrs. A. H. Kohn and Edgar Bowers.

The committee on Memoir of Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., reported. Adopted by a rising vote.

MEMORIAL ON DEATH OF REV. S. HENKEL, D. D

Rev. Socrates Henkel, D. D., of New Market, Va., "fell asleep in Jesus," June 20, 1901, in the 88th year of his age. He was born in Lincoln County, N. C., March 23, 1823. From lovely childhood, his surroundings and education were Christian; he was nourished by pious parents in the faith which he later in life expounded so clearly and profoundly from the pulpit and by the fireside. Early in life he located in New Market, Va., where he, after taking a full course in literature, mathematics and the sciences, and also in theology, entered the gospel ministry as pastor in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod. Possessing a strong constitution, indomitable energy and a high degree of vitality, he performed many arduous tasks. For forty-five years he was pastor of Emanuel church, and after his physical disability, he was made pastor emeritus.

He prepared the first English translation of the Book of Concord. He also translated into English Luther's Church Postil—on the Epistles, and a considerable portion of Luther on the sacraments. As a preacher and a theologian he has been an honor to the Lutheran Church in the South, and his life was spared long that he might devote it to a cause dear to his heart. Our Father has taken him. We mourn his loss, and miss his wise and irenic counsel. Tired, he lay down to rest upon the bosom of his Lord; in heaven he awoke.

Inasmuch as he has left us an example worthy of emulation, let us cherish his memory, and follow the Lord, even as he; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st. That while we deplore his loss, we rejoice that he rests from the labors of a well spent life.

Resolved, 2nd. That while we miss him as a wise and judicious advisor in our work, we, nevertheless, bow to the wise dispensation of the Lord.

Resolved, 3rd. That we tender his family our warm and profound sympathy in bereavement and commend them to the consolations of the Gospel, and when they shall be called from earthly scenes it may be to the joy of the Christian.

Resolved, 4th. That a page of our record be devoted to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER.
J. J. SCHERER.
E. H. KOHN.

Rev. J. L. Derrick presented a petition from the Mississippi Synod looking to the appointment of a State missionary for his Synod. The paper was received, duly considered and referred to the Board of Missions.

An invitation to visit the Exposition at special rates was received with thanks.

The committee on Report of Board of Missions reported. Report was considered by items and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee, on the report of Board of Missions beg leave to submit the following:

1. We recommend that the following suggestions of the Board be approved:

a. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $6,500 annually.

b. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $8,000 annually.

c. That one Sunday of each quarter be designated by all Sunday Schools in the United Synod as Missionary Sunday, and that on that Sunday the children be specially addressed on the subject of Missions, and offerings be taken for this object.

d. That the churches be urged to set apart two Sundays of each year—Whitsunday and the second Sunday in November—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose.

2. We recommend that the action of the Board in regard to the furlough of Rev. R. B. Perry be approved and that the Board be authorized to apportion the necessary expense among the Synods, this apportionment being kept separate from the general fund.

3. We recommend that a "Children's Work" be established, such part of the mission work being assigned it as the Board may designate, and that the Board be requested to submit, if possible, an outline of their plan to this convention of Synod; we recommend further that the several synods be urged to take such action as will develop this power of the Church.

4. In regard to a division of the Board of Missions, referred to us by special action, we are prepared to make only a tentative recommendation. Two ways are open to us, one is that of two separate and distinct Boards; the other way is that of one Board with two sections. Two independent

Boards would require two general secretaries and two treasurers. The administration of the two fields of missions would be independent and the expenses would be greatly increased, one Board with two sections, the one section having charge of the foreign and the other section having charge of the home missions, would require one secretary and one treasurer, but the other expenses would be double. The division of the mission work between two Boards will become necessary when it has become too large for one Board. It is an end greatly to be desired, to which we may look and for which we should earnestly pray, but your committee is not clear in the conviction that time is already come. As it seems to us, our resources and our need do not warrant us in making such heavy drafts upon our missionary funds as the double administration would necesitate. We would, therefore, advise against it. One Board with two sections appears to have more reasons in its favor, and at first thought it strongly commended itself to us. The expenses of administration would not be greatly increased. The sections could be located in different parts of our territory, the home mission section being placed near the centre. Concentrated attention and effort upon one work increases efficiency. But as there are some difficulties of considerable gravity even to this plan your committee advises that for the present we continue our present plan.

5. We recommend that we renew the action of last convention in bearing testimony to the wisdom, fidelity and efficiency of our Board, also of the faithfulness, energy, devotion and ability of our General Secretary. We record also our profound gratitude to God for his blessing upon the work of his servants. While the attention of the Church has been called to the endowment of the Theological Seminary, during the biennium our contributions to foreign missions have increased $1,000, and those to home missions have fallen short only $50.

6. We recommend the re-election of the former Board with the exception of Rev. W. L. Seabrook, who has located beyond the territory of the Board and that Rev. G. E. Krauth be substituted for him.

Respectfully submitted,
L. A. FOX.
R. C. HOLLAND.
H. MAX LENTZ.
C. BROWN COX.

The following is the Board as now constituted: L. L. Smith, G. E. Krauth, L. G. M. Miller, E. H. Kohn, G. M. Beltzhoover, J. E. Cooper, and J. W. Eberly.

Report of Delegate to the General Synod was received and adopted.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Your delegate-elect to the General Synod, finding it impossible to attend that meeting, wrote a letter to the President, extending the fraternal greetings of the United Synod, and outlining briefly the work we are trying to accomplish in the extention of the Lord's Kingdom. By reference to the Minutes of the General Synod it will be seen that the letter was received.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. BUSBY.

Committee on Theological Seminary reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your committee would report that the work and progress of the Theological Seminary has been so fully presented that nothing further requires our consideration at this meeting.

W. C. SCHAEFFER.
C. A. FREED.
M. M. KINARD.
S. S. RAHN.
A. H. KOHN.
V. Y. BOOZER.

Committee to nominate Board of Publication reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

We take pleasure in presenting the following names as a Board of Publication: Revs. V. R. Stickley, F. V. N. Painter, C. A. Freed, W. H. Greever, S. T. Hallman, M. J. Epting, and Messrs. A. H. Kohn, A. G. Wise, J. W. Eargle.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
M. M. KINARD.
WM. L. DARR.
W. P. HUDDLE.
J. S. ELMORE.
J. L. DERRICK.

Committee on District Synods reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SYNODS.

This committee can make but a very imperfect report, for the reason that very few copies of the Minutes of the district Synods have come into our hands. From the incomplete sources of information at our command we find that the various Synods composing this body are actively and successfully engaged in prosecuting the work committed to their care. Some Synods are doing much more local work than others, and this in a measure accounts for the fact that some fall so far short of meeting their obligations to the general work. This, however, should not be so; and we trust that it will soon be remedied.

It is especially gratifying to note the growing appreciation of the confessional position of our Church, and the earnest efforts made to conform thereto.

We feel it our duty to call particular attention to the very imperfect statistical reports in the Minutes that have come into our hands. There seems to be very general dissatisfaction with the long and complicated table prepared by the United Synod at its last convention. One Synod at least by special action asks that this form be simplified, and many others, we believe, concur in the same desire.

Believing that securing full and accurate reports of the work done by our Synods to be a very important matter, to the attainment of this end we recommend:

1st. That the form for statistical reports prepared by the last convention of this body be simplified.

2nd. That each district Synod appoint a statistical secretary whose special business shall be to secure accurate reports from every congregation within its bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,
J. W. HORINE.
C. B. MILLER.
JNO. F. FICKEN.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay bill for seal of this Synod.

Committee on Minutes of last Synod reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

We have examined the Minutes of last convention and find only one item of unfinished business, which will require the attention of Synod, all other matters having been already disposed of.

On page 103, a resolution was adopted directing the secretary to procure a seal for this body. Has this been done? Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.
A. R. BECK.
C. A. MARKS.
JNO. A. CLINE.
C. P. BOOZER.

It was,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the United Synod be permanently instructed to pay the expenses of the Chairman of the Committee on Common Service, etc., in the discharge of his official duties.

The following was adopted:

The question of "accepting" the Southern Lutheran has been referred from the President's report to your standing committee on Sunday School Literature. We believe that proper disposition of this question was made under the report of the committee on Church Literature.

JAMES A. B. SCHERER.
L. A. FOX.
J. C. MOSER.
R. C. HOLLAND.
GEO. B. CROMER.

Committee to nominate directors of the Theological Seminary reported. The report was adopted, and the nominees were elected by ballot.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We, your Committee to Nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following: Revs. R. C. Holland, W. C. Schaeffer, A. R. Beck, L. G. M. Miller, J. H. Wilson, C. A. Freed, Messrs. J. F. Ficken, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, H. S. Trout, C. Wulbern, J. D. Heilig.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. B. MILLER.
WM. L. DARR.
C. A. FREED.
A. H. KOHN.
EDGAR BOWERS.

The Report of Committee on the President's Report was taken up and the report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We commend the careful and thorough attention given by the President to the general work of the Church, as shown by this report.

1. The President makes an encouraging statement concerning the extent of our work. We congratulate the Synod upon the results thus indicated.

2. We recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a memoir of Dr. Socrates Henkel.

3. The report concerning the Theological Seminary is very gratifying.

4. The same can be said of the Orphan Home.

5. We recommend that the question as to the division of the mission board be referred to the committee on missions.

6. The committee desires to emphasize the President's statement concerning literary institutions.

7. We believe that Synod has already disposed of the recommendation concerning a general conference.

8. The same can be said of the publication board.

9. We commend to the earnest consideration of pastors and congregations the President's statement of "our present condition."

10. (a) Regarding the election of trustees for the Orphan Home, we recommend that the Synod appoint a committee, who shall at once take such steps as will enable the Synod to elect the board and control the property.

(b). We refer the question of book depositories to the district synods.

(c). We recommend that the presidents of our institutions annually send catalogues to the President of the United Synod.

(d). We recommend the adoption of the item providing for the preservation of historical material.

(e). We recommend that the suggestion as to the Southern Lutheran and Sunday School literature be referred to the committee on Sunday School literature.

(f). We recommend that the suggestion concerning Mississippi and Southwestern missions be referred to the Board of (Home) Missions, with power to act.

11. We recommend that the thanks of Synod be hereby tendered to

Dr. J. B. Greiner for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties as president.

J. H. WILSON.
L. G. M. MILLER.
W. A. DEATON.
J. Q. WERTZ.
J. A. SNYDER.
S. S. RAHN.

Synod adjourned, to meet at 8:30 P. M., with the benediction by Rev. J. J. Scherer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 10, 8:30 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. P. Boozer.

Mr. Wm. P. Houseal presented a request from the South Carolina Synod for a simplified form of statistical reports. On motion, the following committee was appointed to prepare such form as is contemplated in the request: Revs. S. T. Hallman, J. C. Moser and C. B. King.

Rev. W. H. Greever was appointed official visitor to Elizabeth College.

Committee on Literary Institutions reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee is unable to present a full statement in regard to the various colleges within the bounds of the United Synod, by reason of the fact that no reports or catalogues of several have come to our hand. We must omit, therefore, from this summary any account of Mosheim College, Betheden Institute and North Carolina College. In reference to the last named, however, we take the liberty to state that the North Carolina Synod has deemed it proper to make no provision for its opening next session and has authorized negotiations for a closer fellowship in the educational interests of our Church in North Carolina between the Lutherans of that State, and by consolidation to secure a larger benefit to the young men of our Church in prosecuting their college course.

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

This institution, which was chartered in 1853, and has sent out so many men into the ministry of our Church, and has attained to quite an honorable place among the educational institutions of our country, will celebrate its semi-centennial one year hence, and has set in motion plans for a signal observance of that event. The average enrolment during the biennium has been 170. It has a large and well equipped faculty, and we are informed that there has been a very wholesome religious interest fostered by special provision for Bible study among the students. Stated lectures on the Augsburg Confession are being delivered with the approbation of the college authorities, the same being reasonably well attended by the young men. The endowment fund of the college has had several recent additions, and it is gratifying to note that among these is a bequest from one of its Lutheran alumni of the Valley of Virginia. It is hoped that the college will be further substantially remembered in connection with its semi-centennial anniversary.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

This institution dates its beginning in the year 1832, but was chartered as a college in 1856. This college continues to be the pride and foster-child of the South Carolina Synod, and under this loving guardianship and the able administration of its presidents and their associates it has attained to a sphere of enlarged usefulness and a reputation for sound scholarship which mark it among the brightest jewels in the crown of our Southern Church. By last catalogue we note an enrolment of 175, chiefly from the Carolinas and Georgia. Its faculty consists of eight professors and instructors.

LENOIR COLLEGE.

This college, located at Hickory, N. C., is under the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Synod, and is growing in prosperity and usefulness. The enrolment of students for the current session is 140, and is said to be the largest in its history. The faculty has been enlarged to meet the increased demands. Contract has been given out for the erection of a dormitory, for which the sum of $4,000 has already been raised, and plans are being projected to raise $5,000 more during the next year.

MARION FEMALE COLLEGE.

This is a college for women, and numbers a faculty of 9, and a student enrolment of 122. Its alumnae exceed 100. This college has done faithful and valuable service for the Church from its foundation of over a quarter of a century ago, and maintains a strong hold upon the confidence

and patronage of the Church and community in that section of our United Synod.

MONT AMOENA SEMINARY.

This institution, located at Mt. Pleasant North Carolina, continues to flourish and shows an enrolment of students and a faculty which indicate substantial growth and increasing power for service in behalf of our Church. We are informed that preparations are being made for enlarged facilities in the way of buildings and other educational equipments. In the absence of specific data, we are not able to give definite figures.

GASTON COLLEGE.

This college, located at Dallas, N. C., is under the efficient superintendency of Prof. S. A. Wolfe, doing thorough work in behalf of our Lutheran Church, and reports a student enrolment of 125, and a faculty of six efficient instructors. The prospects of this college are full of encouragement to its friends, and of promise of continued valuable service in the cause of female education.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

This queenly institution, devoted exclusively to the education of young women, draws its patronage from many states, and is magnificently equipped for efficient service in the cause of higher education, and has attained to position of eminence among the educational institutions of the country, of which our Southern Church may be reasonably proud.

These several colleges are prosecuting their respective missions with mutual respect and friendliness, and it is a pleasure to note the absence of all ungenerous rivalry. This is cause of rejoicing to the entire Church, South, that our educational interests are in such hopeful condition, and that with few exceptions these colleges are moving forward toward a higher plane of usefulness in behalf of our Church. They should be remembered in our prayers and our benefactions. They are the chief means by which our Church is known, giving it standing and character among our neighbors, and are the marks by which we measure our power and progress as a Church in its arduous, but laudable purpose to preserve and enlarge its heritage in this Southland where our lot has been cast by the great Head of the Church.

ROBERT C. HOLLAND.
J. A. B. SCHERER.
S. T. HALLMAN.
J. W. EBERLY.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 3,500

copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed and distributed, and he was authorized to make a pro rata apportionment among the district synods of the amount that may be needed to pay for printing and distributing the Minutes.

It was also

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to distribute the Minutes of Synod to the district synods on the basis of their representation in this body.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Secretary $25 for his services.

It was ordered that a donation of $5 be made to the sexton of this church, St. John's, Charleston, S. C.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase a book in which to transcribe minutes of this Synod.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby extended to the pastor and congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, this city, and to the other Lutheran pastors and people of the city who have so hospitably entertained us and made our stay so very pleasant amongst them.

Resolved, That the President of this Synod be requested to announce the same at the Sunday evening services.

The report of Committee on Consolidation of Church papers was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF CHURCH PAPERS.

Your Committee on the important subject of the consolidation of Church papers would report that this desirable end cannot be accomplished at this meeting of the United Synod. Still there are indications of an encouraging character, indicating that our two papers can be consolidated and the Church in the South have a paper of the highest excellence, both in the mechanical appearance and in the articles which appear in its columns. The committee would suggest the following action:

1. That a committee be appointed to take this subject into consideration and to formulate plans for its consummation.

2. That this committee have authority to make this consolidation by a plan which shall give the United Synod power to elect its editor-in-chief, yet involving the Synod in no financial responsibility.

3. If this consolidation shall be brought about before the next meeting of the United Synod the said committee shall have authority to select the editor-in-chief, to serve until the 1904 convention of this body.

4. That the committee under these resolutions have the additional authority to consolidate all the publishing interests of this body, provided the plan of this committee be approved by the officers of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH.
L. A. FOX.
L. G. M. MILLER.
C. B. KING.

The Board of Missions was, on motion, authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur in the Board between the regular meetings of this Synod.

The following committee on Consolidation of Church Papers was appointed: Revs. L. L. Smith, C. B. King, L. A. Fox, L. G. M. Miller, and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

It was then

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourn it adjourn to be formally closed after the Sunday services.

The minutes were then read and approved, and the Synod adjourned with the benediction by Rev. W. A. Lutz.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Wednesday—8.30 p. m. Address on Christian Education by Rev. A. R. Beck.

Century Endowment by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.

Thursday—8.30 p. m. Addresses on Foreign Missions by Rev. C. A. Freed and Rev. C. B. Cox.

Friday—5 p. m. Unveiling of Monument in Bethany Ceme-

tery to the memory of Rev. Louis Mueller, D. D., erected by the Young Men's Societies of St. Matthew's Church, Charleston, S. C. German address by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D. English address by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.

Friday—8.30 p. m. Addresses on Home Missions by Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. John's Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D.; 8.30 p. m., Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D. After the sermon to the Seminary graduates by Dr. Horn, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer delivered diplomas to ten young men. Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., President of the Seminary Board, made an address. The following young men received diplomas: M. Q. Boland, Edward Fulenwider, S. P. Koon, C. I. Morgan, J. L. Morgan, J. W. Nees, O. C. Petersen, C. A. Phillips, V. C. Ridenhour, and K. Y. Umberger.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.; 5.30 p. m., Rev. W. A. Deaton.

St. Johannes' Lutheran Church—11 a. m., Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

Congregational Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. A. Lutz.

Citadel Square Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. C. B. King.

Bethel M. E. Church—11 a. m., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.

Trinity M. E. Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. H. Wilson.

Synod was formally closed according to our Liturgical order, by the President, Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Eighth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

S. T. HALLMAN, *Secretary.*

VISITING MINISTERS.

Visiting ministers were present as follows during the convention: Revs. W. A. Lutz, of Prosperity, S. C.; L. K. Probst, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Missions; W. A. C. Mueller and Karl Boldt, of Charleston; C. W. Cassell, of Graham, Va.; J. E. Bushnell, D. D., of Winchester, Va.; B. W. Cronk, Superintendent of the Orphan Home; Prof. M. G. G. Scherer, of the Theological Seminary; N. D. Bodie, of Ebenezer, Ga.; P. D. Risinger, of Lone Star, S. C.; W. H. Greever, of Columbia, S. C.; Chas. K. Bell, of Salem, Va.; Peter Miller, of Rio, W. Va.; J. C. Wessinger, of Henry, N. C.; H. C. Grossman, of Sumter, S. C.; H. A. McCullough, of Cameron, S. C.; Jas. D. Kinard, of Leesville, S. C.; J. H. C. Fisher, of Mt. Pleasant, N. C.; Rev. W. L. Seabrook, of Newberry, S. C.; R. H. Cline, of Cherryville, N. C.

CENTURY ENDOWMENT FUND, MAY 12, 1902.

Sources, Congregations and Synods.

Appendix to Report of Century Memorial Committee, submitted by Board of Directors:

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Cash.	Subscription.	Total.	Number of Names.
Amity	R. A. Helms	$ 20 72			
St. Matthew's	R. A. Helms	11 00		$ 31 72	46
St. Luke's	P. J Wade	66 35			
Pilgrim	P. J. Wade	11 15			
Reformation	P. J Wade	4 85		82 35	96
St. Peter's	E. W. Leslie	18 17			
St. Matthew's	E W. Leslie	27 10		45 27	128
St. Paul's	V. Y Boozer	40 00			
Bethel	V. Y. Boozer	28 10		68 10	147
Organ Church	Geo. H. Cox	47 00			
Ebenezer	Geo H. Cox	26 25		73 25	96
Salem	H A. Trexler	32 26			
Lebanon	H. A. Trexler	16 85			
Grace	H. A. Trexler	22 65		71 76	156
St Mark's	J. Q Wertz	66 65			
Luther Chapel	J. Q. Wertz	43 21		109 86	177
Haven	H W. Jeffcoat	17 00			
Christ	H. W Jeffcoat	14 15		31 15	104
Laws	H. M. Brown	9 75			
Richland	H M Brown	5 50			
St. Paul's	H. M. Brown	6 00		21 25	39
Holy Trinity	J. A Linn	97 65	$ 15 00		
Bethel, Stanley	J A. Linn	3 40		116 05	86
Peace Macedonia	W. W. J Ritchie W. W J Ritchie	12 55		12 55	15
Concordia	B. S Brown	12 00			
St. Luke's	B. S. Brown	80 00	20 00	112 00	104
Albemarle	P. L Miller	18 00	2 00		
Mt. Zion	P L. Miller	2 50			
Luther's	P L. Miller	5 42		28 12	75
Trinity	V. R Stickley	84 25	15 00		
St. Enoch's	V. R. Stickley	110 78	213 00	423 03	158
St. Andrew's	C. A. Brown	13 60	5 00		

North Carolina Synod Continued.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	Cash.	Subscription	Total.	Number of Names.
Centre Grove	C. A. Brown	$ 14 50	. . . .	$ 33 10	118
Christiana	J P. Miller	48 45	$ 10 00	. . . .	. .
Union	J. P. Miller	72 25	. . . .	130 70	108
St John's, Cabarrus	S. J. Steffey	101 00	1 00	102 00	95
Cold Water	Vacant	1 55	. . . .	1 55	8
St. James', Concord	C. B Miller	177 78	6 00	183 78	151
Friedens	C. A. Brown	29 00	. . . .	29 00	53
St. Stephen's	W A. Dutton	20 00	. . . .	20 00	17
St Paul's, Wilm'gt'n	A G. Voigt	649 00	. . . .	649 00	43
St. John's, Salisbury	L E. Busby	79 45	214 00	293 45	90
St. Mark's, Charlotte	R. C. Holland	417 70	434 50	852 20	167
Advertizing, "		85 00	. . . .	85 00	. .
Immanuel	J. C H. Fisher	5 00	. . . .	5 00	11
Prosperity	J C. H. Fisher	1 65	6 28	7 93	7
Providence	W. R Ketchie	1 75	. . . .	1 75	4
Totals	. . . . .	$2679 14	$941 78	$3620 92	2299

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

College Chapel	W. A. Deaton	$ 200 00	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Antioch	W. A. Deaton	17 75	$ 28 25	. . . .	. .
Philadelphia	W. A. Deaton	71 13	11 75	$ 328 88	393
Salem	J C Deitz	144 25	. . . .	144 25	133
Manassas, Va	. . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Bethel and Trinity	Moses Grossman	10 00	. . . .	10 00	28
Powder Springs	A. L. Bolick	8 12	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Morning Star	A. L. Bolick	5 45	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St. Jacob	A. L. Bolick	6 60	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St David	A. L. Bolick	3 35	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Salem	A. L. Bolick	45	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Zion	A. L Bolick	6 03	. . . .	30 00	190
Mt Calvary	M. L. Pence	2 70	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St. Stephen's	M. L. Pence	2 20	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St Paul's	M. L. Pence	3 89	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St. Matthew's	M. L. Pence	7 50	. . . .	16 29	165
Mt. Nebo	W P Huddle	33 45	. . . .	33 45	36
Daniels	James P Price	29 00	. . . .	29 00	85
St. Martin's	Vacant	10 50	. . . .	10 50	11
Bethpage	J. C. Wessinger	75	. . . .	. . . .	. .

Tennessee Synod—Continued.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Cash	Subscription	Total	Number of Names
David's Chapel	J. C. Wessinger	$ 75			
Cedar Grove	J. C. Wessinger	3 55			
Sardis	J. C. Wessinger	50			
Trinity	J. C. Wessinger	52 45		$ 58 00	57
King's Mountain	L. A. Bikle	30 00	$ 70 00	100 00	
Zion	J. A. Cromer	86 50	60 00		
St. Peter's	J. A. Cromer	24 85			
St. Andrew's	J. A. Cromer	43 65			
Emmanuel's	J. A. Cromer	14 80			
Grace	J. A. Cromer	2 40		232 20	475
Mt. Horeb	J. F. Deal	12 64	15 00		
St. Jacob's	J. F. Deal	8 30			
Bethlehem	J. F. Deal	7 92			
St. Thomas	J. F. Deal	6 60		50 46	127
St. Peter's	A. R. Beck	120 35	70 00		
St. John's	A. R. Beck	19 10		209 45	280
St. Timothy	F. K. Roof	13 50			
St. Paul's	F. K. Roof	7 00		20 50	15
Holl Grove	C. L. Miller	25 67	3 00		
Pilgrim	C. L. Miller	8 97			
Emmanuel	C. L. Miller	3 95			
Jerusalem	C. L. Miller	1 50		43 09	142
St. Andrew's	R. A. Yoder	77 00	24 00	101 00	123
N. C. Conference		26 24		26 24	
St. Mary's	J. P. Stirewalt	11 70	20	11 90	95
Holy Trinity	J. C. Moser	103 24			
Zion	J. C. Moser	15 51		118 75	240
St. John's	R. H. Cline	15 00	77 25		
St. Mark's	R. H. Cline		23 75	116 00	43
Cedar Grove	W. H. Roof	10 81	1 00		
St. James'	W. H. Roof	9 96			
St. Paul's	W. H. Roof	17 25			
St. John's	W. H. Roof	1 15		40 17	151
Mt. Tabor	E. L. Lybrand	44 05		44 05	158
Total		$1389 98	$384 20	$1774 18	2897

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Cash.	Subscription.	Total.	Number of Names
Good Hope	Jas D. Kinard	$ 21 00			
Mt Calvary	Jas. D. Kinard	46 00			
Luther Chapel	Jas. D Kinard	44 25			
Salem	Jas. D Kinard	6 81		$ 118 06	138
St. Johannes	Karl Boldt	1340 55		1340 55	128
St David's	R. E Livingston	33 00			
Sandy Run	R E Livingston	82 60		115 60	166
Mt Pleasant	Y von A. Riser	26 65			
Mt. Hebron	Y. von A Riser	49 90		76 55	79
Providence	Geo. S. Bearden	10 67			
St. John's	Geo. S Bearden	39 79	$ 4 50		
Nazareth	Geo. S. Bearden	53 60		108 56	125
Mt Olivet	J D Bowles	10 40		10 40	57
Mt. Pleasant	J H. Wilson	165 00	15 00		
St Nicholas	J H Wilson	48 75	15 00	243 75	142
Pine Grove	P D. Risinger	120 39	38 33		
Trinity	P D. Risinger	66 25	36 00		
St. Mark's	P. D. Risinger	22 00		282 97	183
St. Luke's	H J. Mathias	81 05	30 00	111 05	120
St. Stephen's	J. G. Graichen	73 83	60 00	133 83	60
St. James, Jalapa	A. J Bowers	24 20	2 00	26 20	42
St James. Granit'v'le	J. D Shealy	9 65			
Orange Chapel	J. D. Shealy	7 65		17 30	39
St Matthew's	H A McCullough	98 80	33 70		
Mt. Lebanon	H A. McCullough	89 30	23 00	244 80	119
St John's, Charl'st'n	J. W. Horine	2988 47	1693 00	4681 47	259
St Paul's	J. A Sligh	47 70	17 70		
Mt. Pilgrim	J. A Sligh	9 15	8 50	83 05	137
Ebenezer	M. M. Kinard	251 00	169 00	420 00	40
St. Michael's	H J. Mathias	171 00	189 00		
St Andrew's	S. L Nease	146 95	60 63	567 58	171
Holy Trinity	S. L Nease	94 00	177 00		
Macedonia	J. K. Efird	66 00	75 75	412 75	177
Grace	W. H. Hiller	314 59	674 41		
M Tabor	W. A. Lutz	14 93	33 33	1037 16	200
St. Andrew's	J. A B Scherer	228 25	771 75	1000 00	220
Holy Trinity	M O J. Kreps	76 00	110 00	186 00	97
Bethel	S. C. Ballentine	27 25	17 00		
Mt. Vernon	S C. Ballentine	5 00	60 50		
Mt. Olivet	S. C. Ballentine	5 75	70 00		

South Carolina Synod—Continued.

Churches	Pastors.	Cash.	Subscription.	Total.	Number of Names
Mt. Hermon . . .	S. C. Ballentine .	$ 28 50	. . . .	$ 214 00	116
St Matthew's . . .	W. A. C. Mueller .	847 25	$ 205 00	1052 25	323
Bethlehem	J. J. Long) . . .	41 00	29 50	. . . .	. .
St. Matthew's .	J. J Long) . . .	12 05	11 25	93 80	63
St. Paul's	W. H. Greever . .	250 00	153 00	403 00	153
Ch. of the Redeemer	W. L Seabrook .	243 85	135 00	378 85	240
Orangeburg S S .	. . . . .	23 70	. . . .	23 70	. .
Nazareth Church .	W. M. Long . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. .
. . . . .	Legacy	1014 05	. . . .	1014 05	. .
Total	. . . . .	$9478 43	$4918 85	$14397 28	3594

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

St. Paul's	J E. Bushnell . .	$ 8 30	. . . .	$8 30	13
Spring Valley . .	J. M. Schreckhise	4 20	. . . .	. . . .	. .
Mt Olivet	J. M Schreckhise	7 80	. . . .	12 00	47
Mt. Tabor	E. A Repass . .	30 00	. . . .	30 00	25
Muhlenberg . . .	G. E. Krauth . .	32 20	. . . .	32 20	20
Salem	Geo. A Riser . .	23 77	10 00	. . . .	. .
St. James	Geo. A. Riser . .	12 75	10 00	. . . .	.
Melanchthon . . .	Geo A. Riser . .	26 45	. . . .	82 97	51
St Peter's, W'rd'ns'le	J K. Efird	15 70	. . . .	14 70	15
Bethany . .	J. W. Shuey . . .	105 65	. . . .	105 65	69
Zion—St James .	E C Cronk, succ'd-	. . .	. . . .	. . .	.
. . . . .	ed by S L. Keller	175 60	80 00	255 60	104
St Peter's	H Max Lentz . .	57 75	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St. James'	H. Max Lentz . .	25 00	. . . .	82 75	21
St James' . . .	P. Miller . . .	20 70	10 0	. . . .	. .
Mt Moriah	P. Miller	35 55	22 55	. . . .	. .
North River . .	P. Miller	49 80	30 00	168 60	140
Christ Church . . .	A. D R Hancher	195 50	4 50	200 00	88
Mt Jackson	E L Fo k	15 25	. . . .	15 25	19
Hebron	W. P Huddle . .	439 40	81 50	. . . .	.
Mt Pisgah	W. P. Huddle . .	30 35	12 00	563 25	107
Trinity	J W Strickler . .	75 05	. . . .	75 05	48
Trinity, Buena Vista	W. B. Aull . . .	22 50	15 00	37 50	44
Holy Trinity . . .	C. A. Freed . .	374 67	. . . .	. . . .	. .
St Mark's	C. A Freed . . .	9 35	. . . .	. . . .	. .

Virginia Synod—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Cash.	Subscription.	Total.	Number of Names.
Mt. Hermon	C A. Freed	$ 4 80		$ 428 82	63
1st Eng Ch Rchm'd	C. A. Marks	117 00	$ 1500	132 00	6
Grace, Winchester	Vacant	111 25	1000 00	1111 25	17
Total		$2065 34	$1290 55	$3355 89	897

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

St. Luke's	A. Phillippi	$ 40 21			
Holy Trinity	A Phillippi	42 06		$ 82 27	73
Luther Memorial	D. B. Groseclose				
Mt. Tabor	D B. Groseclose	34 55		34 55	45
St Peter's	D. B Groseclose				
Zion—Floyd	T. C Parker	25 08			
Olive Hill	T. C. Parker	3 08		28 08	22
Wheatland	W. Y. Cline	24 30	$ 2 50		
St. Mark's	W. Y. Cline	5 80			
Brick Union	W. Y. Cline	7 90	3 00		
Trinity	W. Y. Cline	3 00			
St. Jacob	W. Y. Cline	1 00		47 50	60
Hawkins Chapel	J. B. Greiner	206 75	35 00	241 75	81
St. John's	Paul Seig	226 43	125 00	351 43	86
St James'	J. C Repass	31 57			
Geislers	J. C. Repass	2 00			
Damascus	J. C. Repass	5 00			
Luther Chapel	J. C. Repass	27 55		66 12	72
Southview	T. C. Parker	21 80	16 25		
Zion	T C Parker	15 75			
Vinton	T. C. Parker	4 75			
Glade Creek	T C. Parker	6 85		65 40	52
Sharon	R. R. Sowers	39 50	10 00		
St. Matthew's	R. R. Sowers	11 00	2 00		
Red Oak	R R Sowers	3 50	2 50	68 50	70
Tazewell	W C Seidel	109 00	40 00		
Immanuel	W. C. Seidel	22 28	33 00	204 28	40
Ebenezer	J. J. Scherer	13 60			
Marion Col. Church	J. J. Scherer	11 75		25 35	29
Prices Fork	Jas. Mahood	4 52		4 52	27
Graham Church	C. W Cassell	87 23	73 00	160 23	66
St Paul's	D. S. Fox	28 75			

Southwest Virginia Synod—Continued.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Cash	Subscription.	Total.	Number of Names
Kimberlin	D. S. Fox	$ 20 00			
Corinth	D S Fox	32 25	$ 63 75		
Pleasant Hill	D S. Fox	17 75	5 00	$ 167 50	55
College Ch., Salem	C K Bell	230 50	189 00	419 50	97
St. Mark's, Roanoke	L. G. M. Miller	29 06	197 75	226 81	11
Burke's Garden	J. H. Wyse	283 05	515 00	798 05	92
Total		$1679 09	$1312 75	$2991 84	952

GEORGIA SYNOD.

St. John's, Jacks'v'le	S S. Rahn	$ 39 55		$ 39 55	29
St. Marks	J. S. Elmore	54 00			
St Paul's	J S Elmore	1 25			
Zion	J. S. Elmore	9 75		65 00	28
Bethel	T. W Shealy	203 77			
Laurel Hill	T. W. Shealy	113 91			
Mt Olivet	T W. Shealy	40 79		358 47	232
Zion	N. D Bodie	123 55			
Miller Chapel	N D Bodie	10 60			
Jerusalem	N. D Bodie	135 26			
Rincon	N. D. Bodie	28 97		298 38	230
Mason, Fla	J. L Buck	12 65	$ 3 60	16 25	53
Ch of the Ascension	W C Schaeffer	1341 00		1341 00	206
Mt. Pilgrim	D A Sox	97 57		97 57	49
Total		$2212 62	$3 60	$2216 22	827

Ebeneaer Conference In Memory of H. S. Wingard.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Luther Chapel	W. G. Wolford	$ 5 25			
Sugar Grove	W. G. Wolford	75			
Oak Grove	W. G Wolford	1 75		$ 7 75	14
Zion	J. C Miller	6 97		6 97	12
St J hn's, Knoxv'le	W C. Seidel	59 50	$20 00	79 50	10
Sinking Springs	Noah Bible	3 28			
Trinity	Noah Bible	4 27	8 00	15 55	18
Total		$81 77	$28 00	$109 77	54

☞ The Holston Synod regrets that local difficulties prevented larger co-operation.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Churches	Pastors	Cash	Subscription	Total	Number of Names.
Zion	H E H Sloop	$ 21 70			
Providence	H. E H Sloop	17 30		$ 39 00	32
New Hope	J. L. Derrick	13 45			
Rehobeth	J L Derrick	50			
St. Mark's	J L. Derrick	10 05	$ 1 50	25 50	49
Beth Eden	L P Boland	5 05		5 00	7
Shady Grove	J H Murphy	2 00		2 05	14
Total		$70 05	$1 50	$71 55	102

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Contributors	Cash.	Subscription.
Joint Conference Tenn and S C Synods	$ 50 00	
Plate Collection (U S)	35 25	
Rev. Robert L Patterson, Ohio		$100 00
Mr. and Mrs. F P Cover, N C	100 00	
In Memoriam	5 00	
Twenty-eight Individuals	122 80	
Total	$313 05	$100 00

RESUME AND SUMMARY—MAY 22, 1902.

Synods.	Churches Reporting	Amount Paid	Amount Subscribed.	Total	Number of Contributors.
North Carolina Synod	47	$ 2679 14	$ 941 78	$ 3620 92	2299
Tennessee Synod	53	1389 98	384 20	1774 18	2897
South Carolina Synod	47	9478 43	4918 85	14397 28	3594
Virginia Synod	28	2065 34	1290 55	3355 89	897
Southwest Virginia Synod	38	1679 09	1312 75	2991 84	952
Georgia Synod	14	2212 62	3 60	2216 22	827
Holston Synod	7	81 77	28 00	109 77	54
Mississippi Synod	7	70 05	1 50	71 55	102
Supplementary List		313 05	100 00	413 05	32
Total	241	$19969 47	$8981 23	$28950 70	11671

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1902-'04.

Name of Synod.	Organized.	PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.																		FINANCIAL STATISTICS.		
		Ministers.	Number of Churches.	Number of Stations.	Enrolled Communicant Membership.	Resident Communicant Membership.	Number of Members Communing During the Year.	Resident Families Represented.	Baptized Children, Not Confirmed.	Catechumens, Not Confirmed.	Students for the Ministry.	ACCESSIONS.						LOSSES.				LOCAL.		
												Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Transfers from Lutheran Congregations.	Transfers from Other Denominations.	Restorations.	Deaths.	Transfers	Lapses and Removals.	Exclusions.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Paid on Pastor's Salary.
North Carolina	1803	34	60	1	8158	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee	1820	41	91	..	8406	.....	.....	.....	3370	1176	..	498	34	269	105	.....	.....	151	64	13	..	$111420 00	$ 3518 00	.....
South Carolina	1824	40	63	5	9261	5355	3776	1616	2093	150	3	385	31	335	93	14	2	187	67	55	2	261810 00	17226 25	$ 13292 60
Virginia	1829	34	66	18	6208	3962	2712	1395	426	206	7	146	93	112	102	40	8	72	63	139	13	195050 00	17000 00	8230 97
Southwest Virginia	1842	....	58	17	4418	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	33	52	35	.....	.....	54	40	6	..	85200 00	22852 00	....
Mississippi	1855	9	14	..	692	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	18	12	13	26	.....	.....	3	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia	1860	11	20	..	2475	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	2	98	9	62	29	.....	.....	32	22	.....	..	143350 00	.....	.....
Holston	1861	7	24	..	1321	886	744	198	109	16	..	95	13	123	3	5	2	23	8	11	..	19775 00	450 00	1231 65
Total		176	396	41	40989	10203	7232	3209	5998	1660	12	1346	225	966	293	59	13	522	278	224	15	$828025 00	$61046 25	$22755 22

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1902-'04—Continued.

NAME OF SYNOD.	FINANCIAL STATISTICS.													
	LOCAL.		BENEFICENCE.											
	Expenditures on Church, Parsonage and School Properties.	All Other Local Expenditures.	Orphan Home (money and gifts.)	Church Extension.	Theological Seminary.	Colleges.	Beneficiary Education.	Synodical and Conference Home Missions.	UNITED SYNOD. Home Missions.	UNITED SYNOD. Foreign Missions.	Aged Ministers, and Ministers' Widows.	Synodical Expenses.	For Relief of the Poor, and All External Objects.	Total Beneficence.
North Carolina														
Tennessee	$ 1981 21	$ 99445 00	$ 52 95			$ 674 50			$ 19 00	$ 117 16				$ 3833 84
South Carolina	20709 15	15253 15	397 29		$ 416 78	292 25	$ 499 00	$ 25 00	462 03	388 48	$93 00	$1365 17	$4377 57	$ 6896 00
Virginia	135 73	107 28	478 03	$ 199 00	327 04	12 00	53 80	420 69	1054 34	1591 99		235 09	1184 39	5048 94
Southwest Virginia		10505 75	599 14	24 69	38 49		25 68		218 20	170 44	52 00	718 39	94 44	2712 70
Mississippi			3 00						24 70	3 55		25 65		
Georgia		10447 65			121 67				285 25	197 38		165 62		2304 22
Holston	1106 37	2500 00												609 09
Total	$23032 46	$148679 50	$1530 41	$223 69	$903 98	$978 75	$578 48	$445 69	$3087 69	$2469 00	$145 00	$2509 92	$5656 40	$21404 33

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1902-'04—Continued.

Name of Synod.	Beneficence.	Statistics of Societies.																					
		Sunday Schools.						Young People's Societies.				Woman's Mis. So's.			Children's Mis. So's.		
	Grand Total.	Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers (Lutheran.)	Scholars (Lutheran.)	Contributions for the Support of Schools and All Local Objects.	Contributions for Beneficence.	Number of Organizations.	Number of Members.	Contributions for Local Objects.	Contributions for Beneficence.	Number of Organizations.	Number of Members	Contributions for Missions.	Number of Organizations.	Number of Members.	Contributions for Missions.
North Carolina																	
Tennessee	$ 10558 33	70		497	4(8	$ 385 53	$ 239 45										
South Carolina		62		369	4885	1865 43	818 15	11	433	$ 5 47	$ 140 00	27	707	$ 869 40	10	169	$ 182 00
Virginia	79304 80	54	4	630	4131	1506 93	1106 40	4	174	45 75	48 50	15	352	544 62	1	31	16 14
Southwest Virginia	13963 32	46		561	3045	614 40	73 10							650 13			
Mississippi		7		31	225												
Georgia	17404 35	17		203	1582	1712 76	68 37							528 75			
Holston	1780 17	8	2	69	482	74 69	132 42	3	63						2	19	38 75
Total	$123(0 97	264	6	2369	14758	$6189 74	$2437 89	18	670	$51 22	$188 50	42	1059	$2592 90	13	219	$236 89

☞ We do not vouch for the correctness of this table.—S. T. H.

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SYNODICAL CALENDAR 1904-06.

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NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Place—Dallas, N. C.

Time—Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1906, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

MINUTES

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The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, New Market, Va., on Wednesday, July 27, 1904, at 3:30 P. M., and began the exercises of its Ninth regular session.

The altar service was conducted by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., after which the Synodical Sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., President, from Ezra 6:3.

The Holy Communion was then administered to the members of Synod. Confessional and Communion Services conducted by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

The Synod was then formally opened and the delegates were duly enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

North Carolina Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. R. C. Holland, D. D., Prof. Chas. B. King, Geo. H. Cox, D. D., V. Y. Boozer, B. S. Brown, A. G. Voigt, D. D., J. Q. Wertz, J. L. Morgan and A. R. Beck.

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Clerical.—Revs. W. P. Cline, R. A. Yoder. D. D., H. J. Mathias, D. I. Offman, W. A. Deaton, J. A. Cromer, J. P. Stirewalt, M. L. Pence and J. L. Deaton.

Lay.—Messrs. Prof. S. A. Wolff, Hon. C. M. Efird, Ambrose L. Henkel, N. G. Moore, J. L. Hepner and C. J. Tussing.

South Carolina Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. W. L. Seabrook, M. O. J. Kreps, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, J. D. Kinard, S. T. Hallman, D. D., W. K. Sligh, J. W. Horine, W. H. Greever, Prof. Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., and C. E. Weltner.

Lay.—Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D., A. H. Kohn, Hon. Jno. F. Ficken, Hon. J. W. Jenny, Wm. P Houseal, Hon. E. H. Aull, Dr. E. O. Hentz, A. G. Wise, A. D. Haltiwanger and Capt. H. H. Folk.

Virginia Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. L. L. Smith, D. D., C. A. Marks, E. L. Folk, E. A. Shenk, P. Miller, A. D. R. Hancher and H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

Lay.—Messrs. J. E. Cooper, J. M. Snapp, C. W. Heater, L. S. Walker, J. A. Alexander, J. Frank Clemmer and W. M. Burk.

Southwest Virginia Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., J. B. Greiner, D. D., Paul Seig, J. J. Scherer, D. D., and A. Phillippi, D. D.

Lay.—Messrs. A. M. Bowman, H. L. Bonham, Jno. P. Gose (a), Thomas W. Peery (a) and A. S. Greever (a).

Mississippi Synod.

Clerical.—Rev. Jno. L. Derrick.

Georgia Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. J. S. Elmore, W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., and E. C. Cronk.

Lay.—Messrs. Jacob Paulsen, J. M. Gnann and Geo. P. Hodnett.

Holston Synod.

Clerical.—Revs. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., and S. D. Steffey.
Lay.—Messrs. C. J. Harr and Wm. H. Greer.
("a" Absent.)

The hours of daily sessions were fixed from 9 to 12 A .M., and from 2 to 5 P. M., with evening services at 8 P. M.

The President read his report, which was received and held for reference to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus:

We have, again in the Providence of God, assembled in the name of the various Synods scattered over the south-eastern section of our country, to confer with each other, concerning the work in which we are engaged, in the kingdom of God.

In this kingdom, One is our Master, even Christ. This kingdom is founded on him. He protects it with the power of His might, and enriches it with all spiritual blessings. He whom we serve, therefore, and whose we are, is the Son of the most high God. We, and the church we represent, are subject to His most gracious will. Let us, therefore, putting our trust in Him, invoke His blessings upon us, that we may be enabled to will and to do all things according to His own good pleasure. Let us, ever mindful of His presence, and mindful of our great responsibility as stewards in the kingdom of God, do all for the glory of God, the good of the Church of Jesus Christ, and our own spiritual edification.

Eph. 3: 20, 21: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding

abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church of Jesus Christ, throughout all ages, world without end, Amen."

Our meeting today, July 27th, instead of July 6th, the time fixed upon at the last convention of this body in Charleston, S. C., May, 1902, is by the action of the officers of the United Synod upon the urgent petition of the good people of St. Matthew's and Emmanuel congregations, whose kind hospitality we are now enjoying. Your President delayed and hesitated to take this action, because our constitution and by-laws are silent on the matter, and no precedent had been laid, and he was doubtful whether this power was vested in the officers of Synod.

We trust, however, that this change of date made by your officers will meet your approval, and that you will ratify our action.

It affords me much pleasure to report to your body indications of healthful progress along all lines of our work. Whether our eyes are turned upon our mission work, at home or Japan; upon our institutions of learning, the Theological Seminary, and the various schools and colleges within our bounds; upon the institutions of beneficence; upon the work of the various Synods, Conferences, and congregations in our connection—wherever we look, advancement can be distinctly discerned.

Although the several boards through whom the work of this Synod is carried on, will submit full and exhaustive reports of their work, for your consideration at this meeting, yet we beg leave to offer some observations and impressions of a more general character of the whole field, as the situation appears to your President.

Missions.

The first work in which this body engaged, and the most important now, and one which will perhaps always remain the most important work, not only of the United Synod, but of the whole Christian Church, is that of Missions. This work has been energetically prosecuted by the board, both at home and in Japan. It is a matter of deep regret to the Church to note the changes in our foreign force. The Church loses much time and money when young men of ability have gone out and have equipped themselves for the foreign work, by residence sufficiently long to learn the

language and customs of the people, and are in a position to do efficient service for the Master in Japan, resign and abandon the work. The Church is then compelled to look up raw recruits and begin again.

I have nothing to suggest as a remedy; and I desire to cast no reflections, as both the board and others concerned, can, no doubt, with good reason answer you and the church at large. I desire merely to record my impressions, and to call attention to a very serious fact confronting the work of foreign missions.

The Theological Seminary.

Next in importance to the mission work stands the work of preparing young men for the gospel ministry. The church is to be congratulated in securing the services of Dr. Voigt, as the President of the Seminary. With our Seminary endowed, or partly so, by the vigorous work of Dr. Holland, as Chairman and the Committee of the Century Endowment Fund, with a location unexcelled, with a strong faculty, with a course of study equal to the best Lutheran Theological Seminary, with fourteen young men in attendance during the last year preparing themselves for the work of the gospel ministry in our Southern Church, we can look with satisfaction and gratitude upon this department of our work.

But fourteen young men in our Seminary are too few to supply the constantly increasing demands for workers in our Southern Church. The question arises: How shall we very materially increase the number of students in our Theological Seminary, and thus meet the impending scarcity of ministers in our church? This state of affairs is true, not only of the Southern Church, but also of the whole Lutheran Church in this country; and, indeed, among all denominations of Christians.

In this age of material prosperity we need to urge the presidents and professors of all our schools and colleges, and all our pastors, and all the superintendents and teachers of our Sunday Schools, all who come into close touch with the youth of our Church, to use all their endeavors to win workmen for Christ, and to enlist young men in the cause of the gospel ministry. We need the prayers and special efforts of Christian mothers to awake in their boys, a desire to enter the gospel ministry; and in order to secure and retain such a ministry, our congregations must

learn to look more closely and carefully after the material interests of their pastors.

Our Colleges.

From the catalogues and various published reports, it is learned that all our institutions of learning are enjoying a fair degree of prosperity. All our colleges without exception have added new buildings and equipments recently.

The greatest need of the colleges, as it appears to me is a greater interest among our people. This would mean greatly increased patronage and endowment. The Church needs more academies and schools preparatory for college. A systematic plan for the establishment of such schools would do much towards feeding the college and awakening an interest in the college. Other denominations are establishing schools of this character and by this means are sweeping in the young people into their colleges.

Orphan's Home.

This institution is doing a noble work in caring for and educating the orphans of the Church. It is a matter of profound gratitude that God has raised up friends for this institution, who have so nobly come to the rescue with donations towards an endowment fund and current expenses. It is hoped that at this meeting of the United Synod, the arrangements will be perfected, whereby this institution will be under the complete ownership and control of the United Synod.

The Centennial Celebration of the North Carolina Synod.

We desire to note that on May 2nd, 1903, the venerable Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina celebrated the Centennial of her organization in St. John's Church, Salisbury, N. C. This congregation is at least one hundred and fifty years old. In this church was organized the North Carolina Synod, May 2nd, 1803, with four pastors, Arends, Storch, Miller and Henkel, and fourteen laymen.

This celebration was an occasion of great rejoicing and congratulations that this venerable body had attained the mature age of one hundred years. It was an occasion of gladness and thanksgiving. Cordial greetings were brought and delivered by distinguished speakers from the Tennessee Synod, the South Carolina Synod, and the South-West Virginia Synod.

Efforts and Agencies Looking Toward Greater Unity.

The Third General Conference of the General Council, General Synod, and the United Synod of the South held recently in Pittsburg was a great gathering of Lutherans. The results of this meeting together with the two former Conferences will be far reaching and important in developing a closer bond of union among these bodies of Lutherans. The Conferences should continue; for the spirit in which they were held, and the objects contemplated are highly commendable.

The work of the Committee on the Common Service and Hymnal for the English speaking Lutherans of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod of the South, has made commendable progress. It is hoped that the work will soon be completed and that the Church will have the use of this book. Nothing can more readily bring about uniformity in correct Lutheran practice, than one book for all English speaking Lutherans.

An efficient agency in bringing about a closer unity of faith and practice in our Synod, would be one Church paper, the official organ of the United Synod, owned, controlled and edited by the United Synod. We say this without reflecting in any way upon the valuable and efficient services rendered to the Church by the Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper. But it appears to your President that one paper published as the Synod's official organ could be made more efficient, more widely circulated and more economical.

There is a movement toward a closer union among some of the Synods and Conferences composing this body. This movement appears in the action of the North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod, and the North Carolina Synod's response to same, looking towards "One Synod in North Carolina." The same is true of the Joint Conference in South Carolina, and the South Carolina Synod, and also of the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod and the Virginia Synod. I take it that these movements are not merely for the sake of convenience in contiguous or over-lapping territory, nor merely for reasons of expediency nor for financial reasons, but from the true motive, viz.: a desire to fellowship and co-operate with those who are in the unity of the faith. With this as the prime moving cause, and with the reasons above stated as merely secondary and incidental, let the good work go on.

The annual reunions of all the Lutherans of North Carolina, which have now been held for four years, where the Church gathers in vast numbers and where distinguished speakers discuss living issues before the Church today, are doing much to bring our people to a better understanding of each other. These occasions can be made very efficient agencies in harmonizing and unifying our people.

Miscellaneous.

A more systematic method of gathering the statistics of the Church, and properly exhibiting them, would do much toward showing our real strength, and continual growth. The recommendation of a uniform Church Record for all our congregations would aid very materially in this important matter.

While our people have responded loyally to the calls of the Church, yet our finances are wholly inadequate for the work before us. I note with pleasure the efficient services rendered to the cause of missions by the Woman's Home and Foreign Societies, Ladies' Aid Societies, Children's Mite Societies, and all the efforts of the ladies and children of the Church. A qustion: Are the men keeping pace with the women of our Church in raising the funds of our Church?

I herewith submit to you, all letters, catalogues, documents, and papers of all kinds, addressed to me officially, for your consideration and disposition.

And now I desire to express to you my thanks for the honor conferred upon me in Charleston two years ago by calling me to preside over this body. I took up the duties of the office with many misgivings, but I desire to express my thanks for the uniform courtesy and kind consideration extended to me.

And may we all "speaking the truth in love, grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

On motion, the action of the officers of Synod, changing the time of meeting from Wednesday before the Second Sunday in July to Wednesday before the Fifth Sunday, was unanimously approved.

Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., was then re-elected President of this body.

Pending the election of other officers Synod adjourned.

At 8 P. M., addresses on Education were made by Revs. V. Y. Boozer and Dr. Jas. A. B. Scherer.

SECTION SESSION.

Thursday, July 28, 9 A. M.

Synod was opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. H. J. Mathias.

The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The representatives of Church papers were, on motion, asked to report our proceedings for newspapers, through the Associated Press, or otherwise.

The election of officers was resumed, and the following declared elected:

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Vice-President.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Secretary.

Hon. C. H. Duls, Treasurer.

The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report*—Revs Dr. R. C. Holland, J. P. Stirewalt, J. B. Greiner, A. E. Shenk, M. M. Kinard and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod*—Revs. Dr. Geo. H. Cox, H. J. Mathias, W. L. Seabrook, Paul Sieg and A. D. R. Hancher.

3. *On District Synods*—Revs. W. P. Cline, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, C. E. Weltner and Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel.

4. *On State of the Church*—Revs. W. L. Seabrook, C. B. King, J. D. Kinard, W. K. Sligh and Mr. A. M. Bowman.

5. *On Devotional Exercises*—Pastors Loci and officers of Synod.

6. *On Theological Seminary*—Revs. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., W. A. Deaton, L. L. Smith, D. D., M. O. J. Kreps and Mr. Wm. P. Houseal.

7. *On Literary Institutions*—Revs. C. A. Marks, V. Y. Boozer, J. L. Deaton and Mr. A. H. Kohn.

8. *On Missions*—Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., W. C. Schaffer, D. D., V. R. Stickley, M. L. Pence,

W. H. Greever and C. B. King.

9. *To Audit Treasurer's Report*—Messrs. Prof. S. A. Wolff, Jno. F. Ficken and S. H. Hearne.

10. *On Letters and Petitions*—Revs. A. G. Voigt, D. D., J. P. Stirewalt, W. A. Deaton, J. D. Kinard.

11. *On Church Literature*—Revs. Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., H. C. Haithcox, B. S. Brown, D. I. Offman and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

12.—*To Nominate Visitors to Other General Bodies*—Revs. W. K. Sligh, W. P. Cline and V. Y. Boozer.

Rev. B. W. Cronk read the report of the Board of Directors of the Orphan Home, which was referred to the following committee, to report at 2 P. M., tomorrow:

Revs. L. A. Fox, B. S. Brown, M. M. Kinard and Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer and C. M. Efird.

The report of the Board of Missions was made. Pending the reading of this report Synod adjourned.

Benediction by the Secretary.

THIRD SESSION.

Thursday, July 28, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to orded, and the reading of the Report of the Board of Missions was resumed and concluded.

This report was referred to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

From May 7, 1902, to July 27, 1904.

At a meeting of the United Synod in Charleston, S. C., May 7-11, 1902, the following Board of Missions was elected: Revs. L. L. Smith, G. E. Krauth, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., E. H. Kohn, and Messrs. G. M. Beltzhoover, J. E. Cooper and J. W. Eberly. At a meeting held in Emanuel Church, New Market, Va., June 24,

1902, the Board organized by the election of Rev. L. L. Smith, Prsident; Mr. J. W. Eberly, Treasurer; and Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., temporary Secretary, and as Executive Committee, Rev. L. L. Smith and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and J. W. Eberly. At this meeting the Home Mission work was carefully considered, place after place on the territory, and in view of the many perplexities in connection with the Home field, the many calls for help made upon the Board, the smallness of its income, it was decided to appoint a committee to present at this meeting of the Board a plan for the future policy of the Board in conducting its Home Mission work. This committee was composed of Hon. Geo. M. Beltzhoover, Rev. Dr. Miller, and J. E. Cooper, Esq. This committee made the following report which was adopted:

Report of Special Committee on Home Missions.

The undersigned committee appointed to consider and outline policy and plan of action of Board for ensuing be-ennium, submit the following:

Whereas, The experience of the past in the results attained in some of the smaller fields, the recognized superior importance of the larger fields, and the limited financial support now afforded the Board, compel and necessitate some change in plan of operation for the future, therefore be it

Resolved (1), That the Board does hereby announce its inability under the existing condition of the Treasury, to take up any new or additional work, in such places as the district Synods can themselves provide for; and that it is further the sense of the Board that duty demands the concentration of its main efforts upon such prominent points as promise more outcome in future results.

Resolved (2), That the Board undertake as its special work for the next bi-ennium the erection of a suitable church building at Atlanta, Ga., and that it hereby renews its pledge of $5,000.00 to that object.

Resolved (3), That we recommend the placing of a missionary at Atlanta, whose sole duty shall be to care for that work, he to be selected and his salary fixed by the Executive Committee.

Resolved (4), That we recommend the election of a General Secretary at a salary of $1,000.00 and necessary expenses for the ensuing year, he to reside in a central section of the territory, and

to have charge of the general work, but whose special duty until completed shall be to canvass the congregations to raise the said $5,000.00 for Atlanta Mission over and above the regular apportionment.

Under item 4 of this report former General Secretary Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., was re-elected. He, however, in view of his previously expressed opinions on this question reserved his answer until the exact character of his work, place of residence, and other details should be determined.

At this Board meeting the President and Treasurer were authorized to borrow not exceeding $1,000.00 for the Foreign Fund and $1,000.00 for the Home Fund, whenever there is not a sufficient amount in the Treasury to pay the monthly current expenses.

Three other Board meetings were held as follows: Strasburg, Va., January 12, 1903; Winchester, Va., August 28, 1903; and Salem, Va., June 10-12, 1904. At the meeting at Strasburg, Revs. G. E. Krauth and E. H. Kohn tendered their resignations as members of the Board on account of removing beyond the territory of the United Synod, and Rev. A. D. R. Hancher was elected to succeed Rev. Krauth, and Casper O. Miller, M. D., of Emanuel Church, New Market, Va., to succeed Mr. Kohn.

Resignation of Dr. Probst.

The resignation of our General Secretary, Dr. Probst, was by a letter dated July 10, 1902. Dr. Probst for 16 years had filled this important position, and had become thoroughly known throughout the Southern Church, and had wrought effectively in the interests of the Mission Work of the United Synod. A man of strength and sound judgment, full of energy and devotion to the cause, his administration laid the foundation of the work of the Church in the future, and the Board and the Church felt regret at his severance from the work. The President of the Board was directed to prepare a suitable Minute, testifying to the long and faithful service of the Secretary, and expressing our regret at his retiring from the work, and our esteem of our brother as a Christian man and minister. Dr. Probst retired from the work October 1, 1902.

Duties of the General Secretary.

From October 1, 1902, until this time the routine duties of the

office of the General Secretary (such as sending out blank reports, corresponding with churches, missionaries and individuals, receiving reports and appeals for funds, etc., as well as the official correspondence with Japan) were performed by the President of the Board. During this bi-ennium the work of the Board, both Home and Foreign, has been transacted through the President as the official channel of communication. This Board had hoped to secure a General Secretary, but being unable to do this immediately when the vacancy occurred, it was thought wise to leave this to the United Synod to decide. With the care of a large pastorate and no little Synodical work, the President has tried to perform faithfully his work in the interest of the Board.

Missions of the United Synod.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

First Church, of Richmond.

This congregation is doing good work under the leadership of Rev. C. A. Marks, the pastor. During the past year 41 members were added, making 341 on the roll and 163 in the Sunday School —a vigorous congregation—contributing for all purposes for the past year $2,461.48. The problem confronting this church is the erection of the main church building, as already and originally planned, and adding to its present chapel. To this end the congregation has now in bank about $3,600.00. Though there yet remains a debt, still the great need of the congregation is a new church, and it is the hope of the Board that they may secure it in the near future. The congregation supports its pastor and the only contribution from the Board is $49.09 interest on debt.

First Church, Norfolk.

This congregation is to be commended for its faith under a hard trial. After Rev. W. H. Riser became pastor he paid off a debt of $1,000.00 and made improvements at a cost of $400.00. The church was dedicated May, 1903, free of debt. On November 1, 1903, the congregation had their church destroyed by fire, with about $1,700.00 insurance. Heroically, the pastor and congregation determined to rebuild at once. An appeal was made to the Board for aid and we were compelled to decline because of lack of funds in the Treasury. The pastor, however, was authorized to make an appeal for help to the churches of the United Synod,

this being emphasized by a statement from the President of the Board. They received in response $650.94. Th new church will cost $4,893 and it is to be dedicated this summer free of debt. The membership is 170 and the Sunday School is 68. The Board pays $20.00 per month salary and the congregation $55.00. This is a most flourishing mission and in the near future will be self-sustaining.

Trinity, Newport News.

Since the last report this mission has done admirably under the care of Rev. E. A. Shenk. About $1,000.00 of its debt has been paid and the congregation is working to pay off another thousand this year. The membership has increased from 85 to 108, and the Sunday School numbers 193, and with cradle roll and home department 195. Material improvements have been made to the church and its total receipts for the past year amounted to $1,808.16. This work is very hopeful under the fine management of Mr. Shenk.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Pulaski and Radford.

Rev. P. E. Monroe resigned as pastor of this mission soon after the last meeting of the United Synod, and after a vacancy, Rev. D. S. Fox took charge May 15, 1903. The membership at Pulaski is about the same with a material increase at Radford. The Radford congregation needs badly a church building, worshipping at present in the Presbyterian church, and now has over $700.00 toward that object, and $400.00 due from the colored people to whom their former church was sold. A site has been selected and a church will be erected in the near future. Mr. Fox has been doing excellent work since assuming charge and the outlook is very favorable.

Graham and Bluefield.

Since our last report these two places have united in a pastorate. The Graham church has 74 members, with a Sunday School of 60. A new church is about completed, a description of which has been given in the papers. This point is very hopeful and the town growing, with a bright future. Emmanuel, Bluefield, has 34 members. The church is unfortunately located, and the long vacancies have made church attendance poor, making the work

difficult. Bluefield is a growing city of ten thousand and this work must be sustained. Rev. C. Willis Cassell, who took charge June 1, 1904, is the acceptable pastor, and his energy and devotion with the blessings of God, will establish the work in time.

The Coal Fields.

This work has great difficulties, yet it is truly a missionary work. A congregation was organized July 5, 1903, at Keystone, West Virginia, named St. Marks, with 8 members and seems hopeful. There are Lutheran people scattered throughout this section and many people who need the Gospel. The Board will ask the South-western Virginia Synod to take charge of this work in the coal fields, and give it proper care, believing that it properly belongs to that body and not to this Board.

Bristol, Tennessee.

This important place has been finally occupied, and the following history of the movement is given. In the fall of 1902, Dr. Phillippi, of Wytheville, Va., paid that point several visits for the purpose of looking after Lutheran interests there. Believing that the time was ripe for the resuscitation of the work there, he called the people together in the early part of the winter and effected an organization. As a membr of the committee from the South-western Virginia Synod to confer with the Holston Synod concerning the matter of jurisdiction in the case, he induced the representative of that Synod to turn over the work entirely to his Synod. A place of worship was secured and the Doctor supplied the mission with services every three weeks until the first of May, 1903. During this time he secured subscriptions amounting to about $2,000.00 and partially paid for a twenty-five hundred dollar lot.

In May Mr. E. H. Copenhaver began work, preaching every Sunday. He organized and kept up during the summer a prosperous Sunday School.

October 1, 1903, Pastor Paul Sieg was sent by the Executive Committee of the South-western Virginia Synod and the Mission Board of the United Synod to take charge of the work. He gave but half of his time until December 1. Since the subscriptions have been nearly doubled, the lot has been paid for, and the contract let for the erection of a church which, when completed and furnished, with the lot, will be worth about $10,000.00. The lot

is one of the most desirable in the city, but a block away from the street car line and the business and geographical center of the city.

The church will be red pressed brick with stone trimmings, and the extreme dimensions will be 61x74 ft. The style will be semi-Gothic. The interior will be conveniently arranged, containing, besides the main auditorium, a lecture room, two class rooms, and a pastor's study. The total seating capacity will be 520. Of this number the auditorium will seat 340. Ground for this structure was broken May 23. The walls and roof will be completed by September 1. How much further the work can be pushed at this time will depend upon the amount of additional assistance that can be secured by that time.

The mission is able to do this only by reason of the very generous loan of $2,500.00 for ten years without interest, with ten more years in which to return it, secured from the Church Extension Society of the South-western Virginia Synod. The Board contributes $250.00 per annum to the salary but has been unable to contribute anything to the building.

Lynchburg.

This Virginia city, centrally located, has been taken up by the Executive Committee of the South-western Virginia Synod. The work was inaugurated by Rev. C. K. Bell, of Salem, and this summer has been served by Mr. John C. Peery, of the Seminary. The Board has been requested to aid in this work and will have this as a question during the next bi-ennium. A city, such as Lynchburg, with 25,000 people, a business center of a large territory, growing and enterprising, should have a Lutheran church.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Greenville.

This mission is important to the Holston Synod. The mission has a splendid edifice and the congregation is reported to have a hopeful nucleus and by no means should be abandoned. It is now temporarily served by Rev. J. A. Linn, who began work in February, 1904, Rev. C. B. Cox, having resigned. The Board pays $6.00 per month on salary.

Morristown and Mohawk.

Rev. O. C. Peterson began work in this field February 1, 1903, succeeding Rev. Noah Bible. Morristown is the most important mission in the Holston Synod, being a great railway center. Membership is 20 and they pay $90.00 per year on salary. Mohawk is a small village and shows but little sign of growth, and the outlook is not promising to the congregation. The membership is 12 at this place, and they pay $30.00 on salary. The Board pays $10.00 per month on salary.

These Holston Missions are all connected with other congregations forming pastorates, and the work would cease but for that help. If the Holston Synod could possibly take this work, it would be wise, for it is too local and weak for the care of this Board. The Board should not be expected to spend its efforts with these conditions, for the local Synod could do the work so much better.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Winston.

Since the last United Synod, Mr. C. A. Richie served this congregation, except during the time from September, 1903, to May, 1904, at which latter date Rev. E. P. Conrad, a graduate of the Chicago Seminary, became pastor. Mr. Ritchie did fine work at Winston and was heartily supported by the congregation. In the autumn of 1902, on a petition of the Winston congregation, offering to pay the salary of the pastor provided the Board would liquidate the debt of $600.00 due by the congregation about which strife and differences of opinion had arisen in the church, the Board gave its consent, and during this bi-ennium that debt has been liquidated in full, amounting to $645.25. The Board by paying $25.00 per month on the debt, the amount formerly paid on pastor's salary, has made the church free of debt and the congregation self-sustaining.

Greensboro, Lexington, &c.

The Board has felt the need of work in these places and during the bi-ennium offered to co-operate with the North Carolina Synod's Executive Committee and the North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod in pushing these important points for our church. In the limited resources of the Board and the demands

on its income, the Board was not willing to begin this work, but agreed to pay one-third of the salary when the work could be inaugurated. It is to be regretted that nothing has been done because of circumstances over which the Board had no control. This work, it is to be hoped, can be prosecuted in the near future.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Atlanta.

The opportunities and prospects of the Atlanta Mission are not likely surpassed by any mission field and certainly by none in the Lutheran church in the South. A conservative estimate places the number of confirmed Lutherans in this city at five hundred, and it is not improbable that one thousand would be nearer correct. Many of these it is true lived there for years, and have become indifferent, but many of them can be reclaimed, and their children can be won, when the Atlanta church is properly equipped for the work. It is a condition not different from what might be expected, that only the most faithful ones and their children have left the splendid comfortable churches and well equipped Sunday Schools to come to a hall on the third floor of a building in an undesirable neighborhood. With such a large Lutheran constituency, to say nothing of the large numbers of people who have no church affiliation or preference, if a strong Lutheran congregation cannot be built up within a short time, then there is something wrong somewhere. The following statistics will show what progress has been made during the past 17 months:

Total enrollment of congregation, 79; accessions by letter of transfer, 50; accessions by professions of faith, 6; accessions by Confirmation, 8; infant baptisms, 11; loss by death, 1; losses by transfer, 2; enrollment of main school, 57; enrollment of home department, 135; enrollment of cradle roll, 25; offerings (congregation), $1,251.36; offerings (Sunday School), $116.63; offerings (Total), $1367.99.

A lot has been purchased at the corner of Trinity Avenue and Capitol Place, one block from the Capitol, and accessible to street cars to all parts of the city. A residence on this lot has been moved to the inside line where it is now occupied as a parsonage. It bears an insurance of $3,500.00. The purchase price was $6.200.00. The lot, had it been vacant, would probably have cost

as much, while in addition to a desirable lot large enough for the church building, the congregation has a good substantial parsonage.

The architect finished plans for a plain, but neat, church to seat about 275 or 300, and which will cost, built of brick or stone, about $8,000.00. The foundation is probably now completed. The superstructure can be built in ninety days when the money is within sight to pay the contractor. It is earnestly hoped that the church will be ready for occupancy in the early fall of this year.

Fitzgerald.

After the resignation of Rev. H. F. Long, this church was served by Rev. J. S. Elmore, President of the Georgia Synod, as a supply pastor. As Mr. Long owned the church property and was anxious to sell the same, President Elmore proposed to the Board to purchase the same for $500.00—Mr. Long's price, of which amount the congregation would pay $100.00, the Georgia Synod $150.00 and the Board $250.00, and that in the future the Georgia Synod would care for the mission. This proposition was accepted, the Board securing its $250.00 by a mortgage on the property. This arrangement settles a perplexing problem.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Goodman.

Rev. J. L. Derrick has continued to serve this mission, and has been much employed in looking after our church interest in this State. There are many discouraging conditions in this section and little promise of growth. The church at Goodman has 54 members, and the Board pays on salary $15.00 per month. One of the chief troubles is men for the field, together with ample support for them. The problem of our church in this State is one of great perplexity.

The question of a State Missionary for this State was referred to this Board and after due consideration it is our judgment that the Board could not co-operate in such a movement, first, because the Board has not the money to expend for that purpose; second, because successful Home Mission work is only accomplished by liberal support in the erection of churches, etc. The Board at present is hampered not because the "open doors" for hopeful Home Missions are not on every hand but because of our inability

to go in and aid in building the necessary churches. A State Missionary to do good work would require a large sum of money to plant the church.

Apportionments of Synods and Responses.

For general information we submit the apportionments and amounts paid by the district Synods from May 1, 1902, to July 1, 1904. These apportionments are for two years on basis of 20 cents per capita for membership reported in Minutes of 1901.

Home Mission Apportionment.

Synod	Members	Apportionment	Paid
North Carolina	7600	3040 00	1258 34
South Carolina	9000	3920 00	1411 66
Tennessee	8000	3200 00	440 14
Virginia	6200	2480 00	1788 47
Southwestern Virginia	4400	1760 00	948 22
Georgia	2475	990 00	544 68
Holston	1500	600 00	153 07
Mississippi	700	280 00	59 60
Totals	40675	$16270 00	$6604 18

Tabulated Statement of Missions Organized and Aided by the Board Since 1888.

STATIONS	Members		Value of Church Property	Debt	Monthly Salary	
	Congregational	Sunday School			Congregation	Board
Knoxville, Tenn.	100	90	10000			
Augusta, Ga.	201	95	12500			
Richmond, Va.	340	171	18000	7300	75 00	
Norfolk, Va	170	80	8000		55 00	20 00
Newport News, Va.	106	103	8000	3000	23 00	40 00
Pulaski, Va	53	78	5500		25 00	20 83
Radford, Va	29					
Bluefield, W. Va	34	24	1500		16 66	16 66
Graham, Va.	74	55	2500			
Greenville, Tenn	20	14	2500	800		10 00
Mohawk, Tenn.	11		850	100		
Morristown, Tenn.	25	15	2500	600	2 08	6 00
Winston, N. C.	110	55	13450		50 00	
Atlanta, Ga.	79	56			25 00	50 00
Fitzgerald, Ga.	42	40	1000			
Goodman, Miss.	54	25	500			15 00
Bristol, Tenn	34	51			9 00	20 83
Totals	1382	952	$86800	$11800	$280 74	$259 29

Rules and Regulations For the Work.

The Board of Missions has never adopted in the past rules and regulations for the conduct of its work. As a result misunderstandings have arisen and the Board judges it wise at this time to offer to the United Synod for its adoption such rules as the past experience of this Board and other boards certifies as the true policy to govern the work.

1. The Board shall have two funds, known as the "Loan Fund" and the "Donation Fund" to be used in its church extension work, and one fund known as "Salary Fund." The receipts for Home

Missions shall be apportioned to these three Funds as the Board judges the needs of the work require.

2. All churches asking aid from the Board must first submit their plans, specifications and bids to said Board, before any action can be taken on their applications. Their plans must first be approved by the Board.

3. Only organized congregations connected with some district Synod in the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South shall obtain loans from this Fund.

4. The amount of a loan to a congregation shall be much less than amount raised by the congregation, unless in extreme cases, of which the Board shall be the Judge.

5. No loan shall be made for a period longer than 10 years, nor for a larger amount than $3,000.000, and only in extreme cases shall the loan be increased.

6. Loans may be made to bear interest at such a rate and from such a time, as the Board may determine; and shall be secured by the best and safest lien, or other approved security.

7. The principal of the Loan Fund shall in no case be reduced by making donations therefrom.

8. The Board requires congregations who have loans, to keep up Insurance on their church buildings and transfer their policies to the Board as collateral security.

9. Contributions to the general cause, or donations to special churches shall not be acknowledged as payment on loans.

10. No donation shall exceed $100.00.

11. No donation shall be given to congregations for repairing or enlarging church buildings.

12. No donation shall be made to a church costing over $2,500.

13. No donations shall be made to churches in old settled communities, nor for liquidating church debts, except in extraordinary cases of which the Board shall be the judge.

14. In extreme cases, donations may be made to churches, in addition to loans, when loans are inadequate, but of such cases, the Board must judge.

15. Donations shall be secured to the Board by a conditional mortgage to secure such donations against loss in case of dismemberment of a congregation receiving such aid, or of dissolution of its connection with the United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South.

16. Congregations applying for aid must be organized, and capable in law to hold property and give security.

17. Congregations receiving donations must have sufficient Insurance on their buildings to secure them against loss by fire.

The Atlanta Appeal.

In accordance with the policy of the Board and its resolution, the Executive Committee made an appeal for the $5,000.00 Fund for a church building for Atlanta. This appeal was made in the spring of 1903, and Whit Sunday was the day set apart for offerings for this purpose. A circular letter was sent to each pastor in the United Synod and envelopes to all who requested them. In answer to this appeal $2,172.14 was received, contributed by about 150 churches throughout the South, leaving 246 congregations contributing nothing, if the statistics given in the last Minutes of the United Synod be correct. If 150 churches can give over $2,200.00, should not the balance raise the $1,500.00 needed? It is plain that the church South is poorly organized, when so large a percentage of our pastors and congregations fail to co-operate in such work as the Atlanta mission. As a consequence of this apathy and neglect to co-operate, with $1,300.00 as beginning and adding to it the returns from these 150 churches, the Board has a total of only $3,478.14 towards the $5,000.00, leaving a balance of $1,300.00 yet to be raised. How easily and speedily could Atlanta have been aided, had all co-operated and givn to this cause. It would have stimulated the whole Southern Church in Mission work. The Board begins the new bi-ennium with this deficit to Atlanta as its great regret.

The following shows approximately the amounts given to Atlanta by the district Synods, passing through the Board's treasury. Also the source of the Fund to date to be applied to the $5,000.00 pledged by Board to Atlanta. This includes collection of Rev. Mr. Cronk to July 1, 1904, credited to district Synods on apportionment to this Fund:

Collections by Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., when Secretary	$ 695 00
Gift of member of the Virginia Synod	605.00
North Carolina Synod	344 11
Tenessee Synod	47 34
Virginia Synod	776 99
South Carolina Synod	743 23
South-western Virginia Synod	152 15

Georgia Synod	394 89
Holston Synod	67 12
Mississippi Synod	9 55
Total	$3,841 38

The Results and the Needs.

In reviewing the Home work for the past bi-ennium there are evidences of development and permanent growth. Richmond, Norfolk, and Newport News have done successful work, and these congregations, greatly strengthened, have a bright outlook for the future. Winston has made a great stride in that it is now self-sustaining, with no debt, and about $1,500 in hand for a parsonage. Atlanta has bought lot, the church is ready to be built, and the outlook is full of promise. Bristol has been organized, a lot bought and paid for, and a church building in the course of erection. Fitzgerald is safely established, and Graham is forging ahead with a new church building. The missions in the larger cities in the territory of the United Synod of the South have done well and grown, while some of the rural work, like that in the Holston Synod, and the coal fields of Va., has shown no development and has little promise. But, all in all, there is much to encourage the Church and to stimulate to sacrificing effort, that the Church may be established in the leading cities in the South. The Church can be planted in cities like Lynchburg in Virginia; Greensboro, in North Carolina; Spartanburg, in South Carolina; Brunswick, in Georgia; Jackson, in Mississippi, for Lutheran people are in these centers of business life, drawn thither by their business opportunities, and great has been the loss to our Church in all these cities by our material entering other churches. This is so of almost every city in the South-land.

The great need is money—not simply money to send a missionary to the field, but money also to aid him in securing a church home. It is easy to commission a missionary and pay him a monthly salary, but it will require from $2,000.00 to $3,000.00, under most economical management, to occupy any Southern cities. With our meager income absorbed by monthly salaries, what can the Board do to plant the Church in these growing cities? And unless the church co-operates and concentrates in this work, the years will go by and little be accomplished. It is to be hoped that our Home work may be so organized at this

Convention that these growing cities of the South may be occupied. This can be done if every one of our 40,000 Lutherans would contribute and contribute liberally to this great cause.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Japan

The passing of two years since our last Convention at Charleston has brought changes of deep interest to the Church. During this bi-ennium the Church has witnessed the growth of that work and has heard of the larger demands upon our means in order that we may more effectually enter the open door of Japan. The Board believes that this work, which is so dear to all of our people who want to obey the Saviour's last command, promises most hopefully, and the knowledge of the great opportunities which are opening up to us in that distant land should inspire and stimulate our people to labor and sacrifice more earnestly during the coming bi-ennium so that, with God's blessing and favor, our brethren and work in that foreign field may be strengthened and upheld. It becomes our duty to narrate the salient points of this work, as follows:

The Furlough of Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D.

The Charleston Cenvention approved of the granting of a furlough to visit the homeland to our senior missionary, Dr. Peery, together with his faimly, and to that end authorized a special call to the churches for a furlough fund of $800.00. The resolutions granting this furlough made it commence at the beginning of the summer vacation of 1903, about July, but on request he was authorized to leave Japan in time to be at Roanoke's Semi-Centennial, and, on further request of Dr. Peery stating that he had exceptional opportunities to take the European route, he was authorized to leave Japan in April. Dr. Peery accordingly left Japan April 15, 1903, and returned home by the European route, travelling through Russia, Germany, England, etc., and landing in New York June 15, 1903. From there he went to Wytheville, Va., whither his family had preceeded him. During the remainder of the year 1903 and until June 1904, Dr. Peery visited Synods, Conferences, Mission meetings and churches, presenting the foreign work. In addition he visited various places and Conventions of our Church in the North, where he made numerous

addresses on the foreign work of the Southern Church. The Board requested as little time as possible of Dr. Peery, considering that the chief end of the furlough was to rest and recuperate, preparatory to his return to the field. The Board testifies that Dr. Peery gladly and willingly responded to all the requests made of him, and that, though the Board paid his expenses in visitation, the offerings of the people were in excess of his expenses. The $800.00 furlough fund, which was needed, was apportioned among the various Synods, and, in response, $713.63 was received. The travelling expenses of Dr. Peery and his family from Japan to Wytheville, Va., cost the Board $729.14, leaving a deficit of $15.51, which was paid from the general foreign fund.

Recommendations From Japan.

At the Board meeting in Winchester August 18, 1903, two communications from the Mission Conference in Japan were presented, embodying certain recommendations. The first was an appeal for an increase in salaries and specific rules for furloughs. The paper is voluminous, too much so to be incorporated in this report, presenting arguments for the increase desired. This communication is filed with this report, marked "A." Three propositions are argued as follows:

"1. The object of every Board should be to pay its missionaries a salary fully adequate for the needs of their peculiar life.

"2. This salary should not necessarily remain fixed for an indefinite period, but should be increased or decreased as conditions of living undergo considerable change.

"3. Admitting the above propositions, the salaries now paid are inadequate to our needs."

These propositions were fully and elaborately stated, together with facts and figures from other Boards, and the following proposals were offered, in this communication by the Japan Conference, either of which would be acceptable to the missionaries.

"1.—Child's Allowance Plan:

"Married men, fixed salary $1,100 00

"For every child 100 00

"This allowance to extend to only four children and to be continued no longer than 20 years. No health allowance."

"2—Graded Salary Plan:

"Married men, fixed salary.. .. ..$1200 00 first five years

"Married men, fixed salary.. .. .. 1300 00 next five years

"Married men, fixed salary .. .. 1400 00 to end of service.
"No health allowance."

In this paper was requested a rule for furloughs every seven or eight or nine years, with a furlough salary of $800.00 and house rent.

The Board in view of the fact that the United Synod had provided only $6,500.00 per annum for the foreign fund, and that amount not fully raised, referred these requests of the Mission Conference to this Convention of the United Synod, knowing that with the present income it would be impossible to grant these increased allowances. At the same time a committee was appointed to report rules and regulations for the government of our Japan Mission.

Expansion.

The second paper took up the question of expansion, and the Board referred the paper to the United Synod for action. It is inserted here in full for your examination and careful consideration:

A time has come in the history of the Japan Mission when in the opinion of the missionaries on the field, considerable expansion is absolutely necessary for the future success of the work. Present conditions are eminently unsatisfactory; and we think there should be a frank recognition of the fact and a strong effort made to effect the necessary changes. At present our work is too much of a feeder to the large missions and we find it very difficult to hold the converts we gather. All the promising young men in the country inevitably drift into the great cities; and as we have no work there a large per cent. of our young men go off to other bodies, and are lost to us. We have enough members in Tokyo now to form the nucleus of a good church, if we were only able to look after them.

As long as our work is confined to the interior cities of Kyushu it must be very limited in its scope and influence. We believe God sent us here to be a leavening power in Japanese Christianity; and that it is the duty of our Church to uphold the dignity of the Word and Sacraments, and all other good things for which Lutheranism stands in Japan. But in our present location, and with our small numbers, we can exert little influence upon the general Christianity of the Empire. We need to be in the centers of life and population, along with the old and large bodies; and to

have a work sufficiently extensive to command their respect. Unless we can have such a work, we have no prospect of building up a permanent and distinctive Lutheran Church in Japan.

The above facts impel us to offer the following recommendations to the Board:

1. That steps be taken looking to the establishment of a regular Theological School, with Preparatory Department, furnished with such buildings as may be necessary; and that certain men be set aside for this special work.

The work of the evangelization in Japan, as in other fields must be done largely through a strong and consecrated native ministry. Education and progress are so diffused in Japan that successful native ministers must be men of thorough training. Such men cannot be satisfactorily instructed by busy missionaries at their homes. The results of that system are just as unsatisfactory in Japan as they are in America. And even if we could train efficient workers in that way, we cannot secure and hold the men for such a course. American youth are not satisfied to stay in the country and study privately under a pastor when large well-equipped seminaries are open to them; and neither are Japanese youth willing to do so. Large schools of other denominations in the centers of population are ready to welcome and support them; and denominational differences do not seem of sufficient importance to cause them to make the necessary sacrifices, and stay with us. To train an adequate ministry we must have a regular theological school.

Very few students of government schools can be drawn into the ministry; and it seems necessary at present that we accept candidates of little education and give them preparatory training ourselves. This makes it obligatory that we have a Preparatory Department in connection with a Seminary.

2. We would recommend, in the second place, that a new station be opened in Tokyo, and another one in Osaga or Kyoto. This would give us representation in both of the great centers of Japanese life; would bring us into contact with the larger bodies; and would enable us to hold many of our converts who now drift away to other folds.

We recognize that to carry out these recommendations would mean the expenditure of a considerable sum of money. Where is that money to come from?

We record our acknowledgment and appreciation of the fact that the interest and contributions of our people to this Japan work have been growing in recent years, and we confidently look forward to increased liberality in the future. But at the same time we fear that the Southern Church alone will not establish and maintain such a work here as the exigencies of the case demand; and we would respectfully suggest and urge, that efforts be made to induce the General Synod and General Council to come to our aid. If each of these bodies would spend annually a sum equal to that which our United Synod spends in Japan we would carry on a good work here.

Could they be led to undertake such a work? We cannot speak on that subject further than to remind you that two of our missionaries were educated in the schools of the General Council and one in that of the General Synod; and that those bodies have always shown a lively interest in the work we are doing. A daughter of one of the professors in a Council Seminanry is in our Mission. The man who had most to do with the founding of the Japan Mission, Dr. Horn, is now a prominent man in the General Council and is a friend of the work. As we have these points of connection with these bodies we feel that overtures from you would be seriously and prayerfully considered by them. May these connections not be by providential arrangeemnt, so that the three English-speaking bodies can ultimately unite in one foreign mission work? And would not such a movement be an object lesson of the unity of our beloved Church? and an additional incentive to closer union?

Corporate unions of Boards and Missions would not be necessary. Each could have its own field and its own work; while we would unite in educational and publishing enterprises and the native church would be one. The different Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopalian and Baptist churches in Japan work together on that basis; each denominational family uniting in building up one native church, while the Missions maintain their separate fields and organizations. If they can do this, why can not the Lutheran bodies? We would still have our distinct field and work; but it would be a part of a larger, more hopeful, and more permanent work.

Doubtless certain difficulties would be encountered in the execution of this plan; but if we realize our present unsatisfactory

condition, and meet these difficulties with courage and resolution, we believe they can be surmounted.

The times and conditions imperatively call for advance, and it has seemed to us that it can be made in some such way as this. These recommendations are born of long thinking, earnest prayer, and much talk among ourselves; and we bespeak for them your serious and sympathetic consideration.

R. B. Peery,
C. L. Brown.
C. K. Lippard.

RULES FOR THE JAPAN MISSION.

The Board of Missions has never recommended to the United Synod general rules for the government of our work. The work has grown, questions arising daily which assure the Board that the time has come for such regulations. With definite and specific principles adopted, misunderstandings between missionaries and Board could not arise. Therefore the Board at its meeting in Salem in June, 1904, after a long and earnest consideration adopted the rules here presented for your approval. The manuals of many Boards of the great and smaller denominations, both North and South, were consulted, and these rules here presented are the adaptation of our wisdom and experience and of other Boards to our work.

GENERAL RULES FOR THE JAPANESE MISSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

1.—Name.

The Japanese Mission of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2.—Aim.

As the supreme end of Missionary life and service is the preaching of Christ and Him crucified to heathen peoples, all forms of work in the Mission must be subordinated to this end. The missionaries are charged to bear the Gospel faithfully to the communities in which they are located and to seek the establishment of self-supporting, self-governing Evangelical Lutheran churches under the care of a native ministry. The missionaries

must constantly encourage the native Christians in the matter of the religious education of their children, the support of their native preachers and teachers, the defraying of the current expenses of their churches and the relief of their needy brethren.

3.—The Missionaries.

The United Synod through its Board of Missions calls the missionaries, assigns their fields of labor and prescribes their duties. The missionaries are required to be sound in body, of deep piety, liberal culture and of sympathetic and consecrated spirit. They shall pledge themselves to live according to the precepts of the Gospel and to teach in accordance with the doctrinal basis of the United Synod; to be subject to the instructions of the Board in their respective fields of service; to live and labor in fraternal relations to each other and to refrain from conduct which will awaken undue prejudice or interfere with their usefulness in the communities in which they minister.

In selecting missionaries the Board understands that candidates pledge themselves to continue the work through life, except for weighty reasons. If the missionary should prove untrue to the doctrinal basis aforesaid or defective in moral character, or disobedient to instructions, or for other reasons prove unqualified for the pursuance of his work, the Board possesses the inherent right to dissolve the connection. In the event the missionary withdraws from service for reasons considered sufficient by the Board, it will defray the expenses of his return to this country, provided the return is promptly made.

The whole time and strength of the missionaries shall be given to the work of the Mission. Additional work of an industrial, mercantile or literary character must not be undertaken without the permission of the Board.

Recalls.

If the missionary should prove physically disqualified for the work or cannot work harmoniously with his associates, or should it appear that his usefulness on the field is open to serious question for other reasons, the Board possesses the inherent right to dissolve the connection by recall. In this event, the Board will pay the expenses of the missionary's return by the most direct route to that section of this country from which the missionary came, provided such return is promptly made, and will

also pay furlough salary without other allowances for three months from the date of the issuance of the recall.

Dismissals.

If the missionary should prove untrue to the doctrinal basis aforesaid, or defective in moral character, or disobedient to plain instructions, the Board possesses the inherent right to dismiss him from its service. In this event, the Board will pay the expenses of the missionary's return by the most direct route to that section of this country from which the missionary came, provided such return is promptly made; but all salaries and allowances will cease from the date of dismissal.

Resignations.

The Board will pay the return expenses of missionaries who resign on the field for reasons satisfactory to the Board, and will also pay furlough salary for three months from the date of such resignation. Should the missionary resign for reasons not satisfactory to the Board, it will pay the return expenses on same conditions as in dismissal, and salary and allowances will also cease from date of resignation. The salary of missionaries who resign while on furlough will cease from the date of such resignation, unless it can be clearly shown to the Board that such resignation grew out of contingencies which the missionary had not aforeseen and could not control. In this event the Board may, at its pleasure, continue the furlough salary for any period not longer than three months from the date of such resignation.

Property.

No property is to be purchased or sold nor any building erected for the Board without its sanction. All property given or purchased for the use of the Board shall be at once transferred thereto by title deeds which shall be duly recorded in accordance with the laws governing property in the mission territory. If the law will not allow such tenure, the property shall be held in the corporate name of the Board. If recorded in the name of individuals the record should explicitly show that the individuals are trustees for the Board. Copies of all conveyances with diagrams of land and buildings thereon are to be sent to the Board. No repairs to property involving considerable sums are to be made without the consent of the Board.

Taxes And Insurance.

1. All buildings owned by the Board shall be insured, when it can be done at a reasonable rate in safe companies.

2. The Board will pay taxes and insurance on its own property while occupied by missionaries or on the property rented for its use, if that is customary; and will make such repairs to rented property as renters generally make; but will expect owners of rented property to make such repairs as are generally made by owners.

Extension of Work.

Extension of work requiring expenditures for property or the opening up of new centres for missionary operation should have the authorization of the Board. Written application with the concurrence and recommendation of all the missionaries should be forwarded to the Board for its action.

Reports.

It shall be the duty of the missionaries to make to the Board a quarterly report on uniform blanks. The report shall cover the special work and station of the reporting missionary.

Missionary Expenses And Salary.

1. The necessary and economical expenses of direct journey to their fields shall be paid by the treasurer of the Board. Any additional cost of longer or more expensive routes or of intentional delay on the way, must be borne by the missionary.

2. Each missionary shall receive $100.00 as outfit on first going to the mission.

3. Each single missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following schedule: First three years, $600.00; next five years, $700.00; next eight years, $800.00; afterwards, $1,000.00 per annum; and to each married missionary an annual salary shall be paid as follows: First three years, $1,000.00; next two years, $1,050.00; next three years, 1,100.00; next six years, $1,200.00; afterwards, $1,300.00. The full salary shall commence on the day of the missionary's arrival on the field and cease on the day he leaves the field.

4. Missionaries shall receive no salary or furlough allowances during transit to or from the mission field, except in case of married missionaries necessarily separated from their families, when, in view of such separation, such allowances shall be granted as the Board may deem just.

5. Missionaries are not permitted to receive for themselves

compensation for services rendered to others. Any compensation or reward received for such services shall be paid into the Mission treasury, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Moneys given or sent to any missionary for the use of the Mission must be entered in the Mission accounts.

6. The salary above stated is designed to cover all expenses of the missionary and family except these special allowances:

(a) A dwelling for the missionary and family, with heavy furniture.

(b) The sum of $75.00 yearly for teacher's allowances, and the sum of $25.00 yearly for health allowances while on the field.

(c) Actual travelling expenses whilst in the service in the field or whilst visiting the churches under the direction of the Board. on furlough.

(d) Official postage.

Vacation And Furlough.

1. If the condition of the work will permit, each missionary is entitled to a vacation during the warm period of each year for six weeks on full salary.

2. If the condition of the work will permit, each missionary is entitled to return home after the first eight years of service. The expenses of the direct voyage shall be paid by the mission treasurer. The length of the furlough shall be determined by the Board with regard to the physical condition of the missionary and the needs of the work, and ordinarly, the furlough to extend not more than one year. During such furlough the missionary shall be entitled to receive three-fourths of his regular salary. The furlough salary shall begin on the day of the missionary's arrival in the home-land from the field and shall end on the day of his departure to return. No allowance for house rent shall be made, except at the discretion of the Board.

3. Missionaries are expected whilst on furlough to avail themselves of all reasonable opportunities under the direction of the Board to increase the zeal and interest of individuals and organizations in their mission work. Such service must not interfere, however, with due care of health and with their recuperation for their return to the field.

Mission Treasurer.

The Mission shall elect one of its members treasurer, the elec-

tion to be reported to the Board and subject to its approval. It shall be his duty to preserve all deeds for Mission property and all other papers connected with the work; to keep in an official book clear and accurate accounts of all receipts and payments with vouchers therefor, and to disburse the funds transmitted to him by the Board. He shall deposit these funds in an aproved banking place and render a monthly statement of all financial transactions.

OUR RELATION TO OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES.

The missionaries of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America have been intimately associated with our missionaries in Japan, and together they have labored to forward and build up a Japanese Lutheran Church. The Board has received the following letter which will be gratifying to our body, and a proper response should be made by the United Synod:

Waupaca, Winconsin, June 14, 1904.

The United Synod South:

Grace and Peace. The United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in annual convention assembled, desires to express our hearty thankfulness to the Lutheran Mission for the kindness your missionaries in Japan have shown our missionaries there, and we desire to state, that it is our hope and desire that those friendly relations may continue and, if possible, grow stronger.

Fraternally yours, L. Johnson.

Secretary United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Synod in America.

Also several missionaries of the Church of Finland have co-operated in work with our mission, and Dr. Peery on his journey home, visited these brethren of the faith in Finland. Dr. Peery, at the meeting of the Board in Winchester, requested permission for our missionaris to participate in the ordination of a missionary to be sent out by a Missionary Society of Finland, to which request the Board responded favorably. It is gratifying that this spirit of fellowship and co-operation has a place in Lutheran missionary work, and may we not hope for one united Lutheran host in that far-off land.

THE WORK OF THE BI-ENNIUM.

During the bi-ennium a second edition of Luther's Catechism has been published, the United Danish Lutheran Church co-operating and bearing part of the expense. A publication for circu-

lation to the churches at home, prepared by the missionaries and to be printed in Japan, telling of the work and its needs has been authorized by the Board but has not yet been issued. The Kumamoto parsonage has been bought, improved and furnished for the use of Mr. Brown, and, through the interest of the young people of Grace Church, Winchester, Va., a chapel has been bought in Saga. An additional fund has also been raised to supplement the Scherer Memorial Fund so that a good church edifice can be secured in Kumamoto. The work of the Mission has been blessed and progress has been made, as all know who keep in touch with the letters to our church papers from the field. The report of the Mission and its statistical table give much encouragement and hope for future success.

BI-ENNIUM REPORT OF JAPAN MISSION FOR 1902-03.

The following report of the Mission, written by Mr. Brown, is incorporated in this report for information:

General Survey.

Up until the last few months there have been no political movements in Japan of interest to the Board since the last biennium report. The Cabinet under Count Katsura has remained in power since June, 1901. Much interest has centered around the relations of the Lower House (of Representatives) to the Ministry of the Crown. Owing to the inability of these two bodies to agree the former has been dissolved twice in the past two years, once in connection with the Land Tax question and recently in connection with the Russo-Japanese complications. The chief question of interest here is that of ministerial responsibility and party government. Some contend for party cabinets and would make them responsible to their respective political parties. Others favor cabinets appointed by and responsible to the Crown alone. The real issue is concerning Constitutional rights. If the Cabinet and Lower House are constantly to disagree and the latter can be dissolved at will by the former, which is responsible to the Crown alone, where are the liberties of the Constitution? Those contending for Government as over against Party Cabinets maintain that true constitutional government in Japan is yet an impossibility. There is a large grain of truth in this contention. Japan has evolved rapidly and wonderfully, but it is a question whether the evolution has been thorough enough to intrust the most vital questions of State entirely into the hands of the people.

Further progress along this line will be watched with great interest by the friends of Japan and constitutional government.

The general remarks of the last bi-ennium report closed with observations about the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, which had just been concluded. This Alliance had as its great object the maintenance of peace in the Far East. Most of us firmly believed that the power of England and Japan combined would restrain and confine to proper bounds Russian ambition. But, while the Alliance has not failed to produce good, the peace of the Far East has not been kept. Japan became very restless last summer from the time that Russia failed to observe her promise as to the evacuation of Manchuria. The entire fall was consumed in every earnest endeavor on the part of Japan to reach a satisfactory settlement. It seems clear enough that Russia has not acted the part of an honest nation. On the other hand Japan has proceeded from the first with such moderation and patience as to gain the confidence and sympathy of almost the entire world.

Having exhausted every means of a peaceable settlement Japan declared war the first of February. Up to the present writing the Japanese fleet has gained signal victories and may be said to have complete command of the sea. Corea has been brought under the domination of Japan, in exchange for which Japan guarantees Corean independence. In short, in every respect, Japan has shown herself a most capable nation, worthy the attention of all Western people and particularly of the Christian Church.

The question here arises: What effect will the war likely have on the work of Christian missions? Will it be baneful of beneficial? The question, of course, cannot be answered correctly at this early date; but still it is one of such large importance and intense interest that some consideration must be given it in this report.

Men naturally differ in their ideas. One Japanese evangelist of first rank remarked in a public address that if Japan were successful the vast majority of his countrymen would become even more proud and materialistic than since the war with China ten years ago. "Having beaten one of the great Christian nations and shown more mercy and benevolence than our rival, what need have we of the boasted Christian religion?" will be the thought, according to this gentleman, of most Japanese. I must say that this view is reasonable and accords with many facts

of history and human nature. Undoubtedly this would be the effect on many minds.

But what seems to me a better and more correct view is that which would consider the question in its relation to the evolution of Japan during the past three or four decades. When Commodore Perry came to Japan he found the country split up into many clans, each the enemy of the other. A central power was maintained only by force. The clan spirit was foremost. A few years of transformation developed a true national spirit; and one of the most remarkable incidents in history occurred when all the great daimyo or feudal lords resigned their authority and estates and submitted to the Government without a blow. The national spirit had been born, and any sacrifice was willingly made to maintain a central government and resist foreign aggression. To safeguard her rights as a nation Japan fought the war with China.

But since that time still another thought has been growing and ever widening in the Japanese mind. This thought relates to the position, influence and responsibility of the future Japan as a world power. The present war is being fought: (1) To safeguard the very independence of Japan as a nation, which is menaced; (2) To prevent national seclusion and induce future progress, for which the open-door in China and Corea is essential; (3) In the interest of the world's civilization, which would not be advanced by Russian domination in the Far East.

Now, it is not improbable that if Japan should find herself a world-power at the close of the war she would indeed be proud of her achievements and new responsibilities; but at the same time she would be sobered by her new position, and instead of boasting would cast about more earnestly for a sure foundation for national greatness. There are too many sincere and earnest minds in Japan to admit of the nation wasting her responsibilities and opportunities in pride and boasting. Moreover, the more intelligent know even now that it is precisely because Russia has not played the part of a just, civilized and Christian nation that the other nations are giving their moral support to Japan. A victory for Japan would make a sure moral foundation for the people all the more necessary; the anti-foreign spirit would be still further decreased; and the nation would, therefore, be all the more willing to examine the claims of Christianity.

The effect on the Christian Church of Japan would undoubtedly be great. Pastors are already considering the duty of Japanese

Christians to send missionaries to China and Corea. Just as the life of the nation would be broadened and quickened so would the life of the Church. Japanese Christians would not be content simply to receive help from abroad. Very likely a church pride would arise which would hasten self-support. God would doubtless overrule such pride and independent spirit for the good of the Church in Japan by hastening the day of an independent church able to support itself and reach out to China and Corea.

On the other hand the question arises: What would be the effect on Japan and the Japanese Church in case of a Japanese defeat? Japan's cause seems so just and reasonable to the writer that he does not care to discuss this phase of the question. Such an issue would most certainly produce national pessimism and a greatly accentuated anti-foreign feeling, which condition would not be conducive to the progress of Christian work. The country would be greatly impoverished, and hence as a matter of course self-support for the churches would still be a problem of the far future.

In closing these remarks I should say that the friendly attitude of America and England in particular has contributed very much to allay any hostile feelings toward citizens of these nations. We are looked upon as friends and are in just as good a position to work for the Master as formerly. But of course, these remarks do not apply to the large number of ignorant persons who do not distinguish one foreigner from another.

There have been no great Christian movements in Japan during the past two years. The work of the Christian Church has moved on in a perfectly normal manner. Owing to a serious accident to a member of the statistical committee the figures for last year have not yet been issued; but it is safe to estimate the net gain of all Protestant bodies at about 2,000 for the two years.

Benevolence has been marked and steady in its development. This applies to both Christian and non-Christian circles; but among non-Christians may be considered entirely as one of the effects of Christian missions. And the most interesting fact is that even non-Christians, and in a few cases Buddhist priests, have in various ways supported Christian charitable institutions. In 1902, Mr. Ishii, manager of a prosperous Christian orphanage, was even decorated by the Emperor for 15 years' service in the cause of charity. In short, the breach dividing Christianity and heathenism in Japan is steadily decreasing. Popular prejudice

is rapidly being disarmed. We believe we are soon to enter upon that condition in which the large number who are now passive or kindly interested only will become active and earnest supporters of Christianity.

A great blow to the Christian cause in Japan was the death,, late in 1903, of Mr. Kataoka Kenkichi. He was a noble Christian gentleman of most upright character. He was prominent in politics and for many years president of House of Representatives. He held his high position almost solely by virtue of his strictly honest and upright character. He was a man of prayer and strong faith, who let his light shine even in his public life. As president also of the Doshisha University and chairman of the Mission Board of the independent Presbyterian churches he was constantly engaged in active Christian work. His death was mourned by the whole nation. The Emperor showed him every honor due him. He was a fine type of the Christian statesman.

Review of Our Own Work.

In our own field we have had the usual discouragements due to our small force and our circumscribed sphere; otherwise the work continues encouraging and progressive. We are truly thankful to God that we can report 62 baptisms and 12 additions by letter, total 74, which is double the increase reported last time.

Saga.

In Saga the church building gave room for larger audiences, and thus has been a real help in our work . Just before Dr. Peery's return to America the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Japan Mission was celebrated in the church building. In addition to the regular services on Sunday at the church weekly public preaching has been conducted at three and four places in and out of the city. Recently we resumed work at the large town, Ogi, about ten miles from Saga. A new railroad now touches Ogi, making the place easy of access. Hitherto Ogi had been worked from Saga. Finding this unsatisfactory we have just placed there a local evangelist. This is equivalent to starting a new center of work.

Mrs. Lippard has successfully engaged in kindergarten work for the past 18 months. This is an entirely new departure in the Mission and thus far has had only beneficial results.

Kumamoto.

When the last report was written Kumamoto was a new field just opened as a center of work and missionary residence. Hence what follows will be in place.

During the past bi-ennium 18 persons were baptized and five received by letter. We now have on the church roll 25 adult members and 11 children. Attendance 30, which is better than formerly. We are hopeful of building up a good congregation as the years go by.

In addition to the regular services of the congregation we hold two public meetings weekly. These are at the street-side chapel and are the best attended of any in the city, the number ranging from 25 to 150 persons.

Mrs. Brown's classes for young women and Sunday schools for children are well attended and bring forth good results. Each class of girls is taught the Bible 30 minutes.

Omuta.

Particular attention must be called to this new field. Omuta is a prosperous coal town of 25,000 inhabitants, and distant from Kumamoto about one hour and thirty minutes by train. Evangelist Wasa was placed there little more than a year ago. Unusual success has attended his efforts from the first. I have baptized there 12 adults. It is my rule to visit Omuta twice every month. This work, including all expenses, has cost the Mission about $200.00. This is out third station in importance.

Theological Instruction.

Dr. Peery's return on furlough made it necessary for the writer to take up this work. Accordingly in the fall of 1903 Yokota San was called to Kumamoto and theological instruction begun October 1. He was taught the usual branches for second-year students in America, Ethics and Psychology being added. Rev. Naomaru gave four hours to this work, the writer 12 hours per week.

But unfortunately the Russo-Japanese complication made it necessary for Yokota San to abandon his studies and proceed to the front the first of February. There being no other students the school is temporarily closed.

This calls to mind the very discouraging position of our Mission in this respect. We have fine young men in our churches;

but they do not feel called to the ministry. The brightest boy in the Government College at Kumamoto is one of our members. When I spoke to him of the Christain ministry he was simply startled. We must still pray that these young men may be led to consider the Christain ministry as a possible eld of useful service.
must still pray that these young men may be led to consider the Christian ministry as a possible field of useful service.

The difficulties of our own Mission are greatly increased by the absence of schools for educating and training suitable young men. And just here I wish to explain a sentence in my last bi-ennium report incorporated into the Board's report to the United Synod. On Page 18, eighth line from the bottom, are these words: "We have no schools, and wisely so." The writer's meaning was simply that with our limited resources it would have been a mistaken policy to spend thousands on school work. When only one form of work can be supported, purely evangelistic work must take the precedence. But, of course, if our resources will admit we ought by all means support our evangelistic efforts by necessary education. In fact, some change of policy in this regard seems essential.

So far as theology is concerned, when Dr. Peery returns to Japan we hope some arrangement can be made whereby better facilities for theological instruction can be obtained. We would start with the following plan:

Establish a third missionary station. In the present condition of our work it is decidedly very unwise to place two missionaries in one city. By all means each of our three men should have a separate field. Being the senior member of the Mission, Dr. Peery should be made a director of a theological school, and this school should be taught wherever he resides. The other missionaries should be members of the faculty and should visit the school and teach on certain days. Care would have to be taken that the school be not established out of reach of the other missionaries. A little extra rent and travelling expenses would be the only additional expense.

Our Needs.

1. We wish to emphasize again needs Nos. 1 and 4 recorded in our last bi-ennium report. These refer to new evangelists and earnest prayer that God will raise up such unto our work; and the necessity for a church home in Kumamoto.

2. We wish to direct attention to the necessity for expansion

as far as possible along the lines indicated in the Recommendations presented by the Mission last year through Dr. Peery.

3. To carry on the ordinary work of the Mission for the next bi-ennium we should have a monthly allowance of $150. If Dr. Peery or Rev. Lippard leave Saga and establish a new missionary center (and this is deemed necessary by the Mission) there will be some increase in expenses. We will have to pay our workers better salaries in the near future. To this end we shall shortly submit the Board a revised schedule involving a total monthly increase of perhaps yen 20.00. This was contemplated before the outbreak of the war; but now that war is a fact the change is considered all the more imperative. Certain articles of food have been heavily taxed. Income tax is to be increased by 70 per cent. It should be borne in mind that what is here contemplated is only sufficient means wherewith to continue the work on its present basis and to provide for a natural growth and absolutely essential expansion.

Statistics.

Missionaries*, 3; wives of missionaries, 3; Japanese pastors, 2; unordained helpers and Bible-women, 4; stations, 4; out-stations, 2; Sunday Schools, 6; scholars in same, 200 (about); kindergarten 1; scholars in same, 30; baptized members, 187; converts 1902-3, 74; contributions yen**, 400.00 (about); monthly salaries, Missionaries, $262.50; monthly salaries, Japanese workers, yen 102.00; house rents per month, in 1902, yen 58.00; house rents per month, in 1903, yen 12.00; chapel rents, per month, yen 35.00 (about).

*Exclusive of Rev. and Mrs. Winther and Miss Johnston, of Danish Mission, Kurume, and Misses Kurvinen and Uunsitalo. Finnish Board, Saga.

**Yen, fifty cents.

RESIGNATION OF OUR SENIOR MISSIONARY, REV. R. B. PEERY, Ph. D.

At a meeting of the Board in Winchester, August, 1903, Dr. Peery, being present, gave his views for the need of increased salaries and made a strong plea in support of the paper submitted by them, to which reference has already been made in this report. At the close of said meeting he was informed that the requests of the Mission Conference could not be granted then, even though the Board should judge such increase necessary, for the reason

that the United Synod had only pledged $6,500.00 per annum to this work, and there was no assurance that that amount would be raised; that with the full amount in the Board's treasury, it would be impossible to pay the native workers, rentals of chapels, etc., and also pay this increase. Dr. Peery was further informed that inasmuch as the Board had entered upon the last year of its term it was unwilling to bind a future Board to these larger expenditures contemplated in the set of recommendations from the Mission Conference, and that for this reason action would have to be deferred until after the meeting of the United Synod in 1904. In the beginning of 1904 members of the Board were informed that the possibility was that Dr. Peery would not return to Japan. To these rumors no attention was given until, at the Pittsburg General Conference, the Presidnt of the Board was infomed by brethren both of the Church in the South and the Church in the North, that such was the fact. The pastor of the church at Winchester and the member of the Board from that congregation were informed of this possibility, and, after a conference about this question so important to the Church in the South and also still more vital to Grace Church, whose pastor in the foreign field Dr. Peery was and had been for 11 years, the President sent the following letter to Dr. Peery and received his response which is also given:

(A Copy.)

Strasburg, Va., April 27, 1904.

Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., Salem, Virginia,

Dear Brother:—Your letter of the 25th to hand.

I regret exceedingly the illness of Mrs. Peery and your son, but am glad to know that they have greatly improved and hope that they will rapidly be restored to their usual health. I am sorry that your trip North was prematurely ended, for I have no doubt but that your addresses would have awakened interest in our Mission. I have given Mr. Eberly the receipt enclosed.

Do you expect to attend the coming conventions of the North Carolina and Georgia Synods, the former in May and the latter in June? And what are your plans and ideas for the remaining months of your furlough? The resolutions granting the furlough specify that it begin in the summer of 1903 and end in the Autumn of 1904, and only four months remain until September. I think we should have some understanding of the use of these four months and map out the best plan to awaken and quicken interest

in the Mission among our Southern churches. Further, I am now preparing for the convention of the United Synod and it is important for us to know the date of your return for financial reasons as well as the wisest use of the remaining time of your furlough. I will be glad to have your views and you will please write me at your earliest convenience on this important matter. I would love to go to the Synods mentioned but fear that I can not spare the time.

We are all well and with best wishes for you and yours,

Fraternally yours,

L. L. SMITH,
Acting Secretary.

(A Copy.)

Salem, Va., April 30.

Dear Mr. Smith:—Your letter is before me and I will reply at once.

I was somewhat surprised that you asked me to set a date for my return to Japan before the Board takes steps making it possible for me to return. You will remember that the Mission made formal request to the Board in writing last Summer for certain action which it affirmed to be absolutely necessary to the life and success of the work. That action has not been taken yet; and, as I told you when in Strasburg, and as you might infer from a reading of the recommendation of the Mission, by declining to take that action you make it impossible for me to return to Japan.

My contract was made with the Board twelve years ago, and conditions have changed much since then. Cost of living in our Mission field has doubled; and, whereas, I was a single man then, I now have a wife and three children. In justice to my family I cannot go out again without a new contract, taking cognizance of these conditions. The changes I desire, and regard as essential are as follows:

1. The salary to be increased at least as much as the Mission's recommendation of last summer calls for. A recent letter from Missionary Brown says that even these figures are too low now.

2. A definite statement as to children's return for schooling when parents judge it to be advisable.

3. A definite and reasonable item concerning furloughs, so that my past unpleasant experience will not have to be repeated.

4. Sufficient means, willingly granted, to provide, furnish and maintain in repair, a good Japanese house until such time as the

Board can build a foreign house; and a promise to endeavor to erect a foreign house in the near future. Our houses heretofore have not been properly furnished. One bed room and a study was supplied with furniture—second-hand—for me; while I had to furnish the rest of the house myself. The Board's furniture is still there; but it will be necessary to add some to that at the Board's expense, in case I return.

Besides the above changes in the contract, I will expect the Board to pay what I have paid for rent while on furlough—$120.00. This it is under obligation to do, as the cutting off of my rent and reduction of my salary against my protest were plainly in violation of the contract. I stated in a letter to you before leaving Japan that a man's salary might be reduced while on furlough, if his time was not at the disposal of the Board; otherwise he ought to have full salary. And I certainly never contemplated such a thing as the cutting off of my house rent.

Now, I have no quarrel with the Board. The things specified here are essential, and are moderate; and when the Board grants them I will be ready to confer with you about time of return, etc. If you don't grant these things you make it impossible for me to return to the field, and force my resignation. And let me beg you to acquaint the members of the Board, or at least of the Executive Committee, with the contents of this letter, and act upon it as soon as possible. You have already waited one year before acting on the Mission's recommendation, and if the matter is left for a new Board to consider—in case there should be a new one—it will probably have to wait a like time. You brethren are in a better condition to decide this matter than any one else can be, and I trust you will do it promptly. If I don't know until the meeting of the United Synod whether I will return to Japan or not, it will be very unsatisfactory to me, and sometime afterwards will be necessary to make the needed preparations. In the meanwhile I am kept here on an insufficient allowance, and running behind financially every day.

I am ready for any reasonable work you may assign me during the summer but I have engagements for the last week in May and one week in August that I hope will not be conflicted with. I had not expected to go to North Carolina and Georgia Synods, as I have no invitations from those bodies and no instructions from the Board. But if it is your wish that I go, I stand at your service, and that of your cause.

Trusting that you will see the reasonableness of this letter, and favor me with an early reply, I remain, Sincerely yours,

R. B. PEERY.

These two letters exhibit clearly and distinctly the question at issue between Dr. Peery and the Board. Other letters passed between Dr. Peery and the Board, which are filed and made part of this report marked "B." The Board met at Salem, June 11, 1904, considered Dr. Peery's letter fully and carefully, and adopted substantially the rules and regulations here reported as in the main, an answer to his ultimatum. After a conference with him and after making known to him our decision in reference to salary and child's allowance, and also our view with regard to children's return for education, foreign homes,, etc. and the utter impossibility of granting these requests, the Board reminded him of the great injustice he did it in that letter charging it with a violation of contract and deplored the unfortunate spirit and tone of the letter in question. A copy of the contract to which he refers is filed with this report as an exhibit marked "C." The Board then presented its view of violated agreement, ungenerous treatment, etc., and pointed out in most unmistakable terms the fact that the church in the South could not conduct its work in Japan on the basis of the large and wealthy Boards with their larger constituency and more ample means. Dr. Peery next day tendered his resignation to the Board in a letter which, together with the Board's letter of acceptance is filed with the papers marked "B" with this report.

The Board realizing the equipment of Dr. Peery for the work in Japan, and the meaning and effect of his resignation on the Southern Church, on the Mission, and on Grace Church, Winchester, hoped that some arrangement or understanding could be reached by which he could return to his field of labor. To this end Rev. Dr. Miller was authorized to confer with him in an effort to effect such a result. This conference was without definite fruits. Dr. Peery afterwards requested a conference with several members of the Board. After further reviewing the questions at issue, these gentlemen asked Dr. Peery for his final opinion on the question of his return. His reply was that, under the circumstances, his judgment was against his returning, and that his individual preference was not to return. Though, for

the sake of both Japan and the Church, the Board up to this time had had anxious doubts as to whether the resignation should be accepted, after this last committee reported his response to their direct questions, the heavy responsibility ceased, the way of duty was plain to every member of the Board, and his resignation was unanimously accepted.

Apportionment.

Apportionment and amount paid for Foreign Missions from May 1, 1902, to July, 1904, being for two full years and two months additional, at the rate of 20 cents per capita, on a basis of membership as specified.

Foreign Missions.

Synod	Members	Apportionment	Paid
North Carolina	7600	2432 00	1851 13
South Carolina	9800	3136 00	1572 30
Tennessee	8000	2560 00	489 55
Virginia	6200	1984 00	4411 16
Southwestern Virginia	4400	1408 00	1906 18
Georgia	2475	782 00	373 56
Holston	1500	480 00	115 26
Mississippi	700	224 00	49 01
Totals	40675	$13008 00	$10768 15

BOARD OF MISSION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FROM MAY, 1, 1902, TO JULY 1, 1904.

Home Mission Account—Credits.

By balance in Treasury May, 1 1902	$ 971 84
By contributions in past two years	6240 94
By Winston Mission towards pastor's salary	59 50
By Atlanta Mission towards pastor's salary	712 31
By Bluefield Mission towards pastor's salary	484 25
By Newport News Mission towards pastor's salary	598 33
By Graham and Keystone Missions towards pastor's Salary	419 71
By Norfolk Mission towards pastor's salary	1425 00
By Morristown and Sinking Spring Missions towards pastor's salary	226 70

By Greenville Mission towards pastor's salary	263 45
By Radford and Pulaski Mission towards pastor's salary	430 45
By Mississippi Mission towards pastor's salary	224 95
By Bristol Mission towards pastor's salary	38 45
	$12,095 88

Home Mission Account—Disbursements.

To Atlanta, Ga., three-fourths salary Rev. L. K. Probst Pastor and Secretary of the Board	$ 627 50
To Atlanta, Ga., Rev. E. C. Cronk salary as pastor	1412 31
To Winston Mission, on debt	645 25
To Winston Mission towards pastor's salary	131 00
To Bluefield Mission towards pastor's salary	784 13
To Newport News Mission towards pastor's salary	1638 33
To Graham and Keystone Mission towards pastor's salary	896 76
To Norfolk Mission towards pastor's salary	1945 00
To Morristown and Sinking Spring Missions towards pastor's salary	476 70
To Greenville Mission towards pastor's salary	437 45
To Radford and Pulaski Missions towards pastor's salary	832 46
To Mississippi Mission towards pastor's salary	614 95
To Fitzgerald Mission for lot	250 00
To Bristol Mission towards pastor's salary	163 43
To Atlanta Mission for lot and building	615 65
To interest on Richmond debt	98 10
To three-fourths of all current expenses, including traveling expenses of President and Secretary to Board Meetings, Synods, and Mission Points, railroad fare in part of members of Board to its meetings missionary, literature, reports, stationery, etc.,	374 64
To balance in treasury, July 1, 1904	150 22
	$12,095 88

Foreign Mission Account—Credits.

By Balance in Treasury May 1, 1902	$ 78 42
By amount Scherer Memorial Fund (Brown appeal)	283 71
By amount from Virginia Synod on its special pledge to	

return to Newport News loan	329 05
By amount for Peery Furlough Fund	713 63
By contributions in the past two years, two months, which include all regular contributions from Synods, Missionary Societies, and Sunday Schools, and all special contributions from all sources for the education and support of native ministers and helpers, rental chapels, and purchase of literature. This item includes also all collections made by Rev. R. B. Peery while on his visitation of the churches during the furlough year	10,540 10
	$11,944 91

Foreign Mission Account—Disbursements.

To one-fourth salary Rev. L. K. Probst	$ 152 50
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance, Rev. R. B. Peery	1978 75
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance Rev. C. L. Brown	2475 50
To salary, health, and teacher's allowance Rev. C. K. Lippard	2,467 50
To salaries and educational allowances for native helpers, evangelists, and students, rentals of chapels, and dwellings, furniture, travelling expenses, insurance and taxes in Japan to July 1, 1904	3009 57
To chapel in Japan, young people in Winchester	225 00
To expenses of return of Dr. Peery and family	729 14
To travelling expenses for Revs. Drs. Peery and Probst in visitation of Synods, Churches, etc., in the home field	192 39
To one-fourth of the current expenses in the administration of the Board in America	90 56
To balance in Treasury, general fund	*350 29
To balance in Treasury, Scherer Memorial	283 71
	$11,944 91

*Note—In the above statement the $605 for Scherer Memorial Church secured by Revs. E. C. Cronk and W. R. Brown is not included, but is a debt of the Board, having been borrowed for

use in the General Fund for Foreign Missions, from which substracting the Foreign balance of $350.29, leaves a deficit of $254.71 in the Foreign Account.

Special Fund For Atlanta Lot and Church Building.

Receipts.

By sale of Atlanta bonds .. ..$	612 00
By amount from Home Fund	617 65
By amount collected by Rev. E. C. Cronk on his tour	363 25
By amount of interest on bonds, etc.	76 35
By receipts of special efforts Whit-Sunday offering, 1903	2172 14
	$3,841 38

Disbursements.

To amounts paid on lot and building—three items.. ..$	2,966 53
To travelling expenses of Rev. E. C. Cronk while on his tour and expenses of pulpit supply for Atlanta ..	96 71
To printing, etc.	12 70
To balance in Treasury	765 44
	$3,841 38

J. W. EBERLY,
Treasurer.

Our Finances and Organization.

An analysis of the financial statement of the treasurer shows plainly a marked improvement. The general receipts for Home Missions increased from $10,909.01 to $12,095.88, and adding to this $2,541.38 for Atlanta and about $700.00 for our brethren at Norfolk, the total will be about $15,300.00. In addition, the amount raised for Atlanta by the Georgia Synod of $1,000.00, and a balance of nearly $1,600, raised by Rev. Mr. Cronk on his tour of visitation swell the total amount collected for Home Missions to about $18,000. This is small enough indeed and very many fail in their duty, yet it is a gratifying fact when viewed in comparison with the past. The foreign receipts have grown and there is much to encourage. Our resources and income could largely and powerfully be increased if all of our organizations

and individuals would loyally give their support and co-operation to this work. Too many churches fail to help even a little in our home and foreign work. This is the problem before us; to secure hearty co-operation from each and all in our great work for the spreading of the Gospel.

Recommendations.

The Board begs to present the following recommendations for adoption by this body:

1. The election of a Missionary Superintendent to give his whole time to the Mission work of the Board. Said Superintendent to locate at an accessible place on our territory, and his general duties shall be to attend to all mission correspondence, both home and foreign, and to adopt such plans as shall largely increase the receipts of the work, giving special attention to the portions of the church where little is done for the general work. The salary and other expenses incident to this office shall be determined by the Board.

2. That public appeals for money to build churches, or to pay off indebtedness on church edifices, be made only through this Board, and that no such appeals be made in our church papers without the sanction of the Board, and that all our editors refer the applicants to this action; provided that this rule applies only to general appeals and not local appeals to congregations within given District Synods.

3. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $8,000.00 annually.

4. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $9,000.00 annually.

5. That the various Synods set apart two Sundays in each year —Whit-Sunday for Foreign Missions, and the second Sunday in November for Home Missions—for receiving missionary offerings and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose, said offerings to be credited on the apportionment due the United Synod.

6. That the United Synod instruct the Board to call and send out a successor to Dr. Peery as soon as a suitable man can be procured.

Conclusion.

This report is submitted with the belief that an advance has been made in our mission activity. This bi-ennium witnesses the effort to place our work on true mission principles and wiser methods of operations, and this promises much for the future. If the United Synod will heartily approve of the policy begun in this bi-ennium of planting the Church in our southern cities and leaving the smaller places to the district synods, it will not require many years to establish the Lutheran Church in those cities where today there is no English organization. The great problem is to awaken general interest among our people and churches and to bring about close and loyal support and co-operation in the general work. This is the problem of the next bi-ennium to have every district Synod and each congregation in it to do its part in our great work, and it should be the devout prayer of us as a church that this spirit may pervade us and continually grow in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. Smith.
L. G. M. Miller.
A. D. R. Hancher.
C. O. Miller.
G. M. Beltzhoover.
J. E. Cooper.
J. W. Eberly.

New Market, Va., July 27, 1904.

The report of the Board of Publication was read, and referred to a committee to be known as *The Committee on the Publication Interests of the United Synod.* Appointed as follows:

Committee—Revs. J. W Horine, R. C. Holland, W. L. Seabrook, V. Y. Boozer, W. C. Schaeffer and J. L. Deaton.

The following Proposed Action in reference to a General Lutheran Conference was adopted:

PROPOSED ACTION IN REFERENCE TO LUTHERAN CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the United Synod takes notice with pleasure of the fact that the General Lutheran Conference in Europe has widened its sphere in the direction of becoming an international Lutheran Conference, and also that the General Council has expressed a desire that the General Lutheran Conference meet in this country in the near future and has taken steps to inaugurate an International Conference in this country. That a committee of three be appointed to enter into correspondence with the committee of the General Council on General Lutheran Conference to give expression to our interest in the proposed International Conference.

That this committee consider the advisability of the United Synod seeking official connection with the General Lutheran Conference and report recommendations on this point at the next meeting of the United Synod.

Committee on General Lutheran Conference:

Revs. A. G .Voigt, M. M. Kinard and J. B. Greiner.

Rev. L. L. Smith made the following report on the Pittsburg General Conference:

REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG GENERAL CONFERENCE.

As the representative of the United Synod on the Joint Committee to select time and place and arrange program for a General Conference of representatives from the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod, I attended the meeting of this committee at Baltimore last Autumn, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D., representing the General Council and Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., the General Synod. The committee selected the First Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D. D. pastor, as the place and the week following Easter, April 5-7, 1904, as the time. A full program was arranged, with doctrinal and practical subjects for discussion, 19 subjects and thirty-two speakers in all. The speakers chosen from the United Synod were Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., of Savannah, Ga., Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., and Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., Rev. W P Cline of Hickory, N. C., Rev. J. A. Morehead,

D. D., of Salem, Va., and Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D., of Rural Retreat Va., and it was a source of much regret that of these speakers, Drs. Voigt and Schaeffer at the last moment found it impossible to attend. The Third General Conference was a marked and notable success in many ways being attended by more than 200 ministers from every section of the church as well as by a large number of prominent laymen. The discussions were able and excellent and a fine spirit pervaded the body. The impression was that these Conferences are a great agency in bringing the different sections of the Church and the various general bodies closer together, thereby affording them an opportunity of understanding each other better and of appreciating more clearly their respective positions, as well as an opportunity for acquaintanceship and conference among the men who largely shape the course of the English portion of the Lutheran church in this great land.

At the closing session of the Conference at Pittsburg, two requests were adopted by those participating:

1. That the invitation be extended to other Lutheran bodies to take part in another Conference to be held at some future date.

2. That the next Conference be held in the West.

Your representative suggests the following action by this body:

1. That the United Synod approves of the arrangements and proceedings of the Pittsburg Conference.

2. That another Conference be held in the near future.

3. That the United Synod cordially concurs in the proposal of the Pittsburg Conference to invite other Lutheran bodies to participate in another General Conference to be held in the future, and that the representative on the Joint Committee be instructed to join in an invitation to the Joint Synod of Ohio, German Iowa Synod, United Norweigan Synod, Hauge Synod, and such other Synods as, besides formally accepting the Augsburg Confession, are willing to unite in public prayer in the said Conference. Further that we agree to the extension of an invitation to prepare papers to any individuals from other bodies whom the Joint Committee thinks best to invite.

4. That the United Synod instructs its representative on the Joint Committee of the three bodies heretofore holding these Conferences, that if it be wise to hold another Conference of the three bodies before arrangements can be made for the larger

Conference contemplated, as it will require at least three years to make such arrangements, he be authorized to unite with the other members of that Committee in calling a Fourth General Conference of the three bodies.

5. That in response to the suggestion of the Pittsburg Conference that the place be in the West for the meeting of the next General Conference, it is the sense of this Synod that, in the event of the calling of the larger Conference, the place is obviously at some accessible point in the West. But, should a Fourth General Conference of the three bodies be arranged for before that time, it is our preference that such convention be held in one of the Eastern cities—preferably, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, or Pittsburg.

6. That a representative of this Synod be appointed as a representative of the Joint Committee of the three bodies with power to co-operate in the arrangement of either or both of the above mentioned Conferences.

7. That the said representative with the Presidents of the District Synods be appointed a committee to raise the necessary funds.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. SMITH,
Member of Joint Committee.

Rev. L. L. Smith was appointed as the representative of this Synod to arrange for Conference, or Conferences, contemplated in his report.

The following report of Visitor to the General Council was adopted:

REPORT OF VISITOR TO GENERAL COUNCIL.

According to appointment I attended the 29th Convention of the General Council as your official visitor. This Convention was held at Norristown, Pa., October 9-13, 1903. I was given full opportunity to express the fraternal greetings of the United Synod, and as your representative was accorded a most hearty reception. A lively interest on the part of this great Lutheran body was manifested in the work, sphere and mission of our Southern church. The request on the part

of the United Synod to be accorded the privilege of publishing the Common Hymnal (completed by the Joint Common Service Committee) was cheerfully granted by the Council, with the reservation that such grant should not be construed as an endorsement of said Common Hymnal in advance of the report of the Church Book Committee. formally submitting the Hymnal for adoption by the Council.

We were impressed with the earnestness, gravity, and ability which characterized the deliberations of this great body of Lutherans, and could not but admire the unmistakable conviction maintained as to the mission assigned it by the Great Head of the Church.

The General Council is composed of twelve synods, one thousand three hundred and seventy-one ministers, 2,216 congregations and 386,132 communicant members.

The benevolent contributions for the last bi-ennium amounted to $614,041.81.

In charitable institutions the Council holds a commendable record, there being 13 orphan homes, 6 homes for the aged, 8 hospitals, 3 deaconess mother houses, and 4 immigrant and seaman's missions—34 in all, having a property value of $2,363,381 and having 14,188 persons under their care.

I take pleasure in bringing to your notice that the General Council reappointed its Committee on Conference with General Bodies, with Dr. Henry E. Jacobs as chairman, and Commissioned Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D. D., as official visitor to this Convention of the United Synod.

The Thirtieth Convention of the Council will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, second Thursday in October, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HOLLAND.

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D. D., official Visitor from the General Council, on invitation addressed the Synod, presenting in most pleasing manner the fraternal greetings of that Synod.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, upon the request of President Yoder, responded in equally pleasing and appropriate terms.

The following tribute to Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, D. D., L. L. D., L. H. D., was adopted by a rising vote:

IN MEMORY OF REV. JOSEPH AUGUSTUS SEISS, D. D., LL. D., L. H. D.

Whereas the churches of the United Synod have shared with the whole Lutheran Church in America the rich heritage of the life and labors of our distinguished Churchman, Rev. Joseph Augustus Seiss, D. D., LL. D., L. H. D., who departed this life at his home in Philadelphia on the 20th day of June, 1904, and the impress of his commanding personality, wise leadership and distinguished services in behalf of our Lutheran zion abides with us in the South scarcely less appreciable than in that great Lutheran body with which he was more closely identified.

And whereas we have been especially bereaved in that his death has deprived us of his presence with us in this Convention, which he had purposed to attend, being moved thereto by his great interest in the Common Hymnal upon which he had expended so much labor and in whose completion he so greatly rejoiced, and whose very publication he had hoped to facilitate and superintend in obedience to the expressed desire of this body, therefore be it

1. Resolved, That the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South does, with sentiments of gratitude and affectionate rememberance, put on record its recognition of the eminent services to the Lutheran Church of this her distinguished representative, who stood preeminent in his generation as preacher, author, and churchman.

2. Resolved, That we cherish with special gratification his valuable agency in promoting the sentiment in behalf of closer fellowship among our general bodies based upon the evident approximation to unity in the faith, and that we rejoice in the contribution he has thus made toward that possible ultimate union for which the United Synod has sought to keep itself in readiness, and will continue to labor and to wait.

The Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, together with that of Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean of the Seminary, was now read and referred to Committee on Seminary.

Mr. H. S. Boner, Superintendent of the Publication Board of the General Synod, Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D. D., and all other visiting ministers of our Church were received as advisory members.

The Committee on Common Book of Worship reported. Pending the consideration of this report Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

Addresses on Foreign Missions were made at 8 P. M., by Revs. W. H. Greever and L. A. Fox, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, New Market, Va.

Friday, July 29, 1904, 9 A. M.

Synod convened and was opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. E. A. Shenk.

The Report of Rev. A. G. Voigt on Common Book of Worship was taken up, amended and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Your Committee begs leave to submit its report under three heads: 1. Publication of the Book of Worship. 2. Publication of Luther's Catechism. 3. The Common Book of Service.

Publication of the Book of Worship.

The Committee renewed its former contract with Mr. Elbert H. Aull, representing the Board of Publication of the United Synod, with two changes. First, certain styles of binding were discontinued. Secondly, the publisher was released from the payment of royalty on the cloth edition.

In explanation of the latter change we submit the following facts. Formerly the United Synod received 3 1-2 cents royalty on the cloth-bound books. Owing to the uncertainty from one bi-ennium to another of the continuation of the publication of the present Book of Worship, and of the renewal of the contract, the Committee has encouraged Mr. Aull to allow the stock of books to run down as the meeting of the United Synod draws

near. This is necessary not only in justice to Mr. Aull, but also for the protection of the United Synod, which may have to buy the books on hand at the expiration of the contract at the cost of the books. It must be remembered the Committee has no money to work with. We freely concede it is an unsatisfactory arrangement and it would be well for the United Synod to consider whether a better method of publication could not be devised.

At the beginning of the last bi-ennium it was necessary to print a new edition of the small book. The cost of printing had greatly advanced. If the Committee had been free to order the printing of 5,000 copies, there would have been no change in the retail price or the royalty. But we felt that it was necessary to limit the edition to 2,000 copies, especially in view of the probability of the printing in the near future of the Hymnal in preparation by the Joint Committee. The publisher presented this alternative: either the price of the cloth-bound book must be increased, or he must be released from royalty on that form of the book. No changes were made in regard to the other bindings. In view of the fact that the cloth-bound book was from the beginning issued not with regard to a profit from it, but to offer to the church the Book of Worship in as cheap a form as possible, we decided to relinquish the royalty on it rather than increase its retail price.

We present a table of the styles of binding now issued, with the retail price and the royalty payable to the United Synod, according to said contract:

Small Size.	Retail	Royalty.
Cloth	.35	.00
Sheep	.50	.05
Dark Arabesque	.60	.06
Arabesque Gilt	.75	.07 1-2
English Turkey, Extra Gilt	1.50	.10
Combination Sets.		
English Turkey	2.50	.10
English Calf, Limp, Red under Gold	4.00	.10
Japanese Limp	2.00	.10

Pulpit Size.

Dark Arabesque	1.25	.10
Arabesque, Gilt Edge	1.50	.10
English Turkey	2.25	.10

Combination Sets.

English Turkey	4.00	.10
Arabesque, Gilt	2.50	.10
Japanese Limp	3.00	.10

Attached to this reoprt is the account of sales of the Book of Worship, furnished by Mr. Aull. From it the royalty due the United Synod is seen to amount to $34.48, for which we hold Mr. Aull's check

Recommendations.

1. We recommend that the action of the Committee relinquishing royalty on the cloth-bound book be approved.

2. We recommend that the Committee be authorized to continue the publication of the Book of Worship in the styles of binding now issued, but that it have discretionary power to discontinue the present Hymnal, if the United Synod shall undertake the printing and issuing of the Common Hymnal, prepared by the Joint Committee.

Publication of Luther's Small Catechism.

At the last convention of the United Synod your Committee on the basis of a petition from a conference of one of the Synods, recommended the printing of Luther's small Catechism in cheap form. The recommendation was adopted, but the result shows that the demand for a cheap form of the text of the catechism is not great. The Committee made a contract with Henkel & Co., of New Market, Va., for 1,000 copies bound in Manila cardboard at a cost of $24.52. The firm of Henkel & Co., acted with great liberality, undertaking the sale of the booklets and granting us indulgence until the present time to settle the account. Their statement shows that from October 1, 1902, until July 15, 1904, only 133 copies were sold at 3 1-2 cents each, that there are 852 copies on hand, and that there is a balance due them of $19.87.

We recommend that the Committee be empowered to draw on the Treasurer for $19.87 to settle this amount. (Ordered paid—Secretary.)

The Common Book of Service.

Since the last meeting of the United Synod progress has been made on the Common Book of Service by the Joint Committee. The United Synod was represented at several of its meetings during last bi-ennium. The best way to convey an idea of the present status of the work is to lay before the United Synod here an official statement by the Joint Committee to the general bodies. The statement is this:

"This Committee was instructed by the bodies appointing it to confer and co-operate in the preparation of a book containing the Common Service, Ministerial Acts, and a Hymnal. It was instructed also to complete the revision of the translation of Luther's Small Catechism. The translation having been completed and approved by the three bodies, the Committee turned its attention to the preparation of the Ministerial Acts and a Hymnal. Wherever historical precedents exist due consideration has been given them, and where none exist respect has been paid to the usages of the churches. Order for Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, Confession, and Dedication of churches have been prepared in part, but the Committee is not yet able to make a final report. The manuscript of the Hymn Book, however, has been completed, and a synopsis and index of it are herewith submitted, with a statement of the principles which have governed its preparation and of the sources from which it has been derived. Your Committee does not ask for your final approval of the Hymn Book, but has submitted it at this time because the Committee of the United Synod has urgently asked permission to print it for use of the churches of that body. Unable to grant this request, the Joint Committee hereby reports it to the general bodies with its approval.

E. J. WOLF, Chairman
EDWARD T. HORN, Secretary.
For the Joint Committee.

Philadelphia, April 22, 1903.

This statement was presented to the General Synod at its meeting at Baltimore in June, 1903, and to the General Council at its meeting in Norristown in October, 1903, and was adopted and consent was given to the United Synod to have the Hymnal printed. It should be noted, however, that the action of the

General Synod includes the statement: "It is not expected that these books will, in the immediate future, displace the ones now in use," and the action of the General Council this statement: "Consent be given, but with the understanding that this does not commit the General Council to this book."

The action of the Joint Committee and of the two General Bodies referred to thus permits the United Synod to print the Hymnal, but under the supervision of the Joint Committee. This action of the Joint Committee in the words of its Secretary is this: "It was agreed that if the Hymn Book should be printed by the United Synod, the proofs should be read by the Sub-Committee." The Chairman of the Sub-Committee referred to was Dr. Seiss, whose recent death is mourned by the entire Lutheran Church and is a blow especially felt in connection with this work. For not only had he undertaken the preparation of the proposed Hymnal and issued it at his own expense, and then been most active in the Joint Committee in its consideration and revision; but he had also offered to advance the cost of publishing the Hymnal, and in the interest of its publication had intended to be present at this meeting of the United Synod. We lament his death for this reason also, that it deprived us of the honor of his distinguished presence and the guidance of his wise counsel in this Convention.

It remains now for the United Synod to declare whether it will proceed with the publication of the Hymnal, the manuscript of which, we learn from a recent article by Dr. Jacobs in the Lutheran, is among Dr. Seiss' papers.

If there has been apparent tardiness on the part of your Committee in publishing the Hymnal, this report will show that a work of such importance with so many parties interested in it, cannot be rushed forward. Moreover, your Committee deemed it proper to get your judgment before taking the final step.

4. We recommend that the Hymnal prepared by the Joint Committee be adopted as the Hymnal of the United Synod.

5. Recommendations. We recommend that the Committee be instructed to have the Common Hymnal printed, provided that it can be printed in a form which will admit of its being bound with the first part of the present Book of Worship, and provided further that the Committee can make the necessary financial arrangements

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. Voigt.
R. C. Holland.
L. A. Fox.

E. H. Aull, Superintendent, in Account with Common Service Committee of the United Synod:

1902.

May 31—By royalty on 1 copy Cloth			
May 31—By royalty on 3 copies Sheep	15		
May 31—By royalty on 2 copies Arabesque Plain	12		
May 31—By royalty on 4 copies Arabesque Gilt	30		57
June 30—By royalty on 4 copies Sheep	20		
June 30—By royalty on 2 copies Arabesque Plain	12		
June 30—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Gilt, pulpit	10		
June 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit	10		52
July 31—By royalty on 18 copies Sheep	90		
July 31—By royalty on 2 copies Arabesque Plain	12	1	02
Sept. 30.—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain, pulpit	10		
Sept. 30.—By royalty on 6 copies Sheep	30		
Sept. 30—By royalty on 2 copies Ara. Gilt	15		55
November 30—By royalty on 2 copies Ara. Plain ..	12		12
Dec. 31—By royalt on 20 copies Sheep	1 00		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 14 copies Ara. Plain	84		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 12 copies Ara. Gilt	90		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 7 copies Eng. Turk. ex. Gilt ..	70		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 8 copies Eng. Turk. comb	80		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 8 copies Jap. Limp, comb.	80		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. plain, pulpit	10		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Gilt, pulpit, comb.	10	5	24

1903.

Jan. 31—By royalty on 14 copies Ara. Plain	84		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 14 copies Ara. Gilt	1 05		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 6 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	60		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Calf, comb.	10		
Jan. 31—By Royalty on 6 copies Jap. limp, comb.	60		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit	10		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Gilt, pulpit	10	3	39
Feb 28—By royalty on 10 copies Ara. Plain	60		
Feb 28—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Gilt	07		
March 31—By royalty on 6 copies Ara. Plain	36		
March 31—By royalty on 26 copies Ara. Gilt	1 95		
March 31—By royalty on 5 copies Eng. Turk, comb.	50		
March 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Calf, comb.	10		
March 31—By royalty on 7 copies Jap. Limp, comb.	70	3	61

April 30—By royalty on 504 copies Cloth .. ..
April 30—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain 06
April 30—By royalty on 6 copies Jap. Limp, comb. .. 60
April 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk, pulpit 10
April 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk, comb. pulpit 10 86
May 31—By royalty on 48 copies Cloth .. ..
May 31—By royalty on 4 copies Sheep 20
May 31—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Plain 18 38
June 30—By royalty on 89 copies Cloth .. ..
June 30—By royalty on 23 copies Sheep 1 15
June 30—By royalty on 4 copies Ara. Plain 24
June 30—By royalty on 7 copies Ara. Gilt 52
June 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk, ex. 10
June 30—By royalty on 3 copies Jap. Limp, comb .. 30 2 31
July 31—By royalty on 37 copies Cloth .. ..
July 31—By royalty on 5 copies Sheep 25
July 31—By royalty on 6 copies Ara. Plain 36
July 31—By royalty on 2 coipes Ara. Gilt 15
July 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk, comb. 10
July 31—By royalty on 2 copies Eng. Calf, comb. 20
July 31—By royalty on 1 copy Jap. Limp, comb. 10
July 31—By royalty on 1 copy Jap. Limp, comb. 10 1 26
August 31—By royalty on 46 copies Cloth .. ..
August 31—By royalty on 5 copies Sheep 25
August 31—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Plain 18
August 31—By royalty on 6 copies Ara. Gilt 45
August 31—By royalty on 3 copies Eng. Turk. comb. .. 30
August 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain, pulpit .. 10 1 28
Sep. 30—By royalty on 110 copies Cloth .. ..
Sep. 30—By royalty on 1 copy Sheep 05
Sep. 30—By royalty on 1 copy Japanese Limp 10
Sep. 30—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain, pulpit .. 10 25
Oct. 31—By royalty on 137 copies Cloth .. ..
Oct. 31—By royalty on 3 copies Sheep 15
Oct. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Ara. Plain 12
Oct. 31—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Gilt 23
Oct. 31—By royalty on 3 copies Eng. Turk 30
Oct. 31—By royalty on 3 copies Eng. Turk. comb. 30
Oct. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit 10 1 20
Nov. 30—By royalty on 2 copies Cloth .. ..
Nov. 30—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Plain 18

Nov. 30—By royalty on 7 copies Ara. Gilt	15		
Nov. 30—By royalty on 2 copies Eng. Turk comb.	20		
Nov. 30—By royalty on 4 copies Jap. Limp, comb.	40		
Nov. 30—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain, pulpit	10	1	03
Dec. 31—By royalty on 7 copies Cloth			
Dec. 31—By royalty on 24 copies Ara. Plain	1 44		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 10 copies Ara. Gilt	75		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 5 copies Eng. Turk	50		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Eng. Turk, comb.	20		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Eng. Calf, comb.	20		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Gilt, pulpit	19		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. pulpit	10		
Dec. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Jap. Limp, pulpit, comb.	20	3	49
1904.			
Jan. 31—By royalty on 13 copies Cloth			
Jan. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Ara. Gilt	15		
Jan. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Calf, comb.	10		25
Feb. 31—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Plain	18		
Feb. 31—By royalty on 2 copies Ara. Gilt	15		
Feb. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk	10		
Feb. 31—By royalty on 1 copy Jap. Limp, comb.	10		53
March 31—By royalty on 10 copies Ara. Plain	60		
March 31—By royalty on 37 copies Ara. Gilt	2 78		
March 31—By royalty on 5 coipes Eng. Turk	50		
March 31—By royalty on 8 copies Eng. Turk. comb.	80		
March 31—By royalty on 1 copy Jap. Limp, comb.	10		
March 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Calf, comb.	10		
March 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng, Turk. Comb. pul.	10	4	98
Aipil 30—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain	06		
April 30—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Gilt	23		
April 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. comb.	10		
April 30—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Calf, comb	10		49
May 31—By royalty on 1 copy Ara. Plain	06		
May 31—By royalty on 3 copies Ara. Gilt	23		
May 31—By royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. comb.	10		39
June 30—B royalty on 1 copy Eng. Turk. comb, pulpit	10		10
1,458		34	48

Summary.

994 copies Cloth	$
92 copies Sheep	4 60

113 copies Arabesque Plain	6 78
136 copies Arabesque Gilt	10 20
22 copies Eng. Turkey Extra Gilt	2 20
40 copies English Turkey comb.	4 00
9 copies English Calf comb.	90
39 copies Japanese Limp comb	3 90
1,438	32 58

Pulpit.

5 copies Arabesque Plain	50
3 copies Arabesque Gilt	30
5 copies English Turkey	50
3 copies English Turkey comb.	30
1 copy Arabesque Kilt comb.	10
2 copies Japanese Limp comb.	20
20	1 90
1,438	$32 58
1,458	$34 48

Books on Hand June 30, 1904.

English Turkey comb.	25
English Calf comb.	6
Japanese Limp comb.	37

Pulpit Size.

Dark Arabesque	1
Arabesque Gilt	17
English Turkey	7
English Turkey comb.	23
Arabesque Gilt comb	6
Japanese Limp comb.	38

It was

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to prepare music for our Hymnal and report at our next meeting a plan for publishing the same.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report was adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Committee to audit Treasurer's account respectfully reports that they have examined the report of C. H. Duls, Treasurer of the United Synod, and found the same correct, all receipts and disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers. The Committee would further report that the Treasurer has made payments to the extent of Eight Dollars for which he had no funds and for which he makes no claim. We recommend that we express our appreciation of his action.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. Wolff.
Jno. F. Ficken.
S. H. Hearne.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. Duls, Treasurer, in Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

Dr.

1902.	
May 7th To balance in the hands Treasurer per last report (p. 39 last Minutes)	$ 16 99
May 10th Received of E. H. Aull, per Committee, royalty (p. 46 last Minutes)	76 41
May 24th Received of H. A. Smith, Treasurer St. John's Lutheran Church—Sunday Morning collection of $28.43, less $5.00 donation to sexton (p. 82 last Minutes)	23 43
August 29th Received of Jas. D. Heilig, Treasurer N. C. Synod, Quota for min. (p. 81 last Minutes)	48 94
September 4th Received of L. S. Walker, Treasurer Va. Synod, Quota for min. (p. 81 last Minutes)	37 24
September 4th Received of E. L. Greever, Treasurer S. W. Va. Synod, Quota for min. (p. 81 last Minutes)	26 50
September 10th Received of J. M. Gnann, Treasurer Ga. Synod, for min. (p. 81 last Minutes)	14 85
September 16th Received of J. C. Dubard, Treasurer Miss. Synod, Quota for min. (p. 81 last minutes)	3 65
November 6th Received of A. H. Kohn, Treasurer S. C. Synod, Quota for min. (p. 81 last Minutes)	56 56
Total	$304 57

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May 8th Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, for Seal for Synod (p. 76 last minutes) .. ..$ 2 50
May 27th Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary for Services, (p. 82 last Minutes) 25 00
July 2nd Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, (see Previous Reports and p. 77 last Minutes) 31 00
October 11th Paid Elbert H. Aull Co. on account, (see p. 81 last Minutes) 189 51
November 14th Paid Elbert H. Aull Co. on account, (see p. 81 last Minutes) 56 56

Total $304 57

The Treasurer also made the following payments, for which he claims no credit as there was and is no money in the Treasury and he desires his accounts balanced on retiring.

March 31, 1904, Paid the R. L. Bryan Co. .. ..$ 3 50
September 12, 1903, Paid E. H. Aull Co. 3 32
July 11, 1904, Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman 2 00

$ 8 82

He refers to pages 38, 53, 76, 77, 81 and 82 last Minutes for his authority for the various payments.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. DULS, Treasurer.

It was

Resolved, That the Board of Missions of this body shall be constituted of one member from each district synod, and that the delegations from the different synods name the man of their synod for the member of the Board.

The following committee to nominate Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was appointed:

Revs. M. M. Kinard, V. Y. Boozer, W. A. Deaton, W. H. Greever and Paul Seig.

The official Visitor to Elizabeth College reported. Received and referred to the Committee on Literary Institutions.

The Board of the Theological Seminary made supplement

to their report, which was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The following, on the Women's Movement to raise $20,000 for Missions, was adopted:

THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT TO RAISE $20,000 FOR MISSIONS.

Resolved, That the United Synod notes with pleasure the movement on behalf of the women of the United Synod to raise for Missions the sum of $20,000 or an average of one dollar each for every Lutheran woman in the bounds of the United Synod, and does truly endorse the same.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that through lack of general organization of the ladies of the church, the unifying of the work is involved in some difficulty, and might possibly occasion an unfortunate delay in the execution of their noble purpose, this body, which represents the women of the church as well as the men, suggests the following outline of basis and unity of action in the great work proposed.

1. That the work be begun at once and completed, if possible, by the first Sunday after Epiphany, January, 1905, and that day be observed throughout all our churches as "Woman's Missionary Day in the United Synod."

2. That the Treasurer of the Board of Missions be made the custodian of the funds thus raised and forwarded to him, the same to be held as a special fund, separate from all other funds in his hands.

3. That when $10,000 shall have been thus accumulated the Board of Missions may appropriate that sum or such part thereof as said Board shall deem best, except that such sums as contributed shall have been designated for some specific object, shall be devoted as so designated. That further contributions shall be at the disposal of the Board, subject to such conditions as the donors may attach to the same.

Resolved, That the contributions under this special movement be considered as in no wise interfering with the normal contributions now made by the Synodical Woman's Missionary Societies or the various district synods toward the cause of Home and Foreign Missions of the United Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to aid the ladies as far as may be desired in the future development of the plans which may be needed for the early and successful completion of their laudible undertaking.

Synod adjourned with Prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

FIFTH SESSION.

Friday, July 29, 1904, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order, and Rev. L. A. Fox presented the Report of the Committee on Orphan Home. Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 were adopted, the 5th being recommitted.

The Committee on Consolidation of our Church papers submitted their report, which was referred to the Committee on The Publication Interests of the United Synod.

The Committee on Sunday School Literature reported. The first item of the report was adopted. The second and third items were referred to the Committee on Publication Interests.

The Bill of Expenses, for $35, in item four was ordered paid. (See report, 3. 4.)

The Report of Committee on Reports of the Theological Seminary was presented, considered and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We your Commttee on Theological Seminary have had the following named papers placed in our hands.

1. The report of the Board of Directors of the Seminary.
2. The report of the Dean of the Faculty.
3. The report of the Treasurer of the Seminary.
4. The report of the Chairman of the Century Memorial Committee.

All of which we recommend for publication in the Minutes of this Convention of this Synod.

As matters needing the special attention and action of this body we recommend,

1. That Synod heartily approve and endorse the action of the Board of Directors in the purchase of "Bernheim Hall."

2. That the synod hereby records its high appreciation of, and deep thankfulness for the magnificent generosity of Dr. G. D. Bernheim and his most excellent wife, who have made this purchase possible.

3. That the Synod rejoices that once again it has our beloved brother, the Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., at the head of its "School of the Prophets," and earnestly prays that it may be the will of God for him to long continue in that office for which he is so eminently fitted and qualified.

4. That it is with profound sorrow that the Synod officially learns of the decease of Rev. Prof. Karl Boldt, of the faculty, and Mr. Carsten Wulbern of the Board of Directors, and that it express the same by adopting this recommendation by a rising vote.

5. That Synod hereby extends hearty thanks to the Charleston churches for their generous thoughtfulness in presenting to the Seminary the library of our lamented brother, the Rev. Karl Boldt.

6. That Synod hereby approve the recommendation of the Dean of the Seminary, with regard to the establishment of a peramnent "Library Fund," and that the matter be laid upon the hearts of all of our people, in the hope and belief that generous contributions to this fund will be forthcoming.

7. That a vote of thanks be given to Rev. J. W. Horine and Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., for their self-sacrificing "assistance during the session as professors in the institution."

8. We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of this Synod is hereby vested with full power to sell at public or private sale at their discretion, for such price and on such terms as the said Board shall approve, all of the land with the buildings thereon situate in the town of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, and constituting the entire real estate, situate in said town and used by and for the purposes of the said Seminary, including the lot of land and the buildings thereon, situate on Bennett street in said town and known as Berheim Hall.

2. That whenever the said Board of Directors shall make a sale of said property, the President and the Treasurer of the United Synod of the South are hereby authorized and directed to execute under the Seal of the said Synod in the name and

in behalf of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South," and to deliver to the purchaser or purchasers of said property, a deed conveying to said purchaser or purchasers the said property in fee simple.

3. That the said Board of Directors is hereby authorized at their discretion to re-invest the proceeds of such sale, if made, in the purchase of suitable property in the City of Charleston, South Carolina, which they may select for the use and purposes of the Seminary and for residences of the professors of the Seminary.

4. That no sale of Bernheim Hall be made without proper consultation of the interests of Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. H. Cox.
M. O. J. Kreps.
W. A. Deaton.
Wm. P. Houseal.
L. L. Smith.

REPORT OF BOARD OR DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors appointed by the last Convention of the United Synod met promptly upon adjournment of that body and organized by the election of officers as follows:

President—Rev. Robert C. Holland, D. D.

Vice-President—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.

Secretary—Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D.

Treasurer—Cyprican M. Efird, Esq.

At a subsequent meeting Rev. C. A. Freed was elected Secretary in lieu of Dr. Cromer resigned. These officers were re-elected at the annual meeting in May, 1903.

The Bernheim Hall.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, together with certain other members of the Board in connection with members of the local auxiliary committee, held in Charleston, on the 19th day of June, 1902, it was resolved to purchase, for the use of the President of the Seminary, the property now known as the "Bernheim Hall," and a committee of which Hon. John F. Ficken, of Charleston, was appointed Chairman, was authorized to con-

summate the purchase, and put the same in order for occupancy at the opening of the Seminary session, beginning October 9th, 1902. This committee faithfully performed the duty assigned and by deed properly executed. the property is vested in the United Synod for the purposes aforesaid.

The purchase was made possible and feasible by a generous proposition of Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, to donate for this purpose $1,000.00, and to lend to the Board for an indefinite time $2,000.00 additional at six per cent. interest. There was thus placed in the hands of the Board the sum of $3,000.00, which was appropriated as follows:

The purchase price $2,000.00, for enlargement and refitting $1,000.00, to which latter sum was added $863.00 in order to put the property in first-class order. By private contributions the amount due on the property has been reduced to $663.00 which the Auxiliary Committee is seeking to cancel by individual subscriptions.

In consideration of the kindly aid and generosity of Dr. Bernheim in this matter so vital to the proper equipment of our Seminary, it was resolved to name the building Bernheim Hall. It is a commodious brick building, well located and eminently suited to the purpose. It will thus be seen that the United Synod is the owner of this property, subject to a mortgage in favor of Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, of the sum of two thousand dollars.

The session of 1902 to 1903 was attended by twelve students, and under the presidency of Dr. J. A. Morehead, aided in classroom work by Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, Rev. Karl Boldt, Rev. J. W. Horine and Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., progressed to a most successful conclusion.

Rev. Dr. Morehead, having been elected to the presidency of Roanoke College, tendered his resignation June 25, 1903, as president and professor in the Seminary. This resignation was accepted to take effect September 1st, 1903.

Election of Dr. A. G. Voigt.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 28, 1903, action was taken to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Morehead, which resulted in the election of Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.,as Professor of Systematic Theology and Dean of the Seminary. This appointment

was accepted by Dr. Voigt and he entered upon the duties of his office October 1st, 1903, and was regularly installed October 8th, 1903, and the work of the session was carried on under most auspicious circumstances. We are glad to note that the election of Dr. Voigt has met with general approval and has served to maintain this institution in the confidence of the church and to strengthen its claim upon the united support of our District Synods.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held in Charleston at the close of the session of 1903 to 1904, Rev. Emil G. Lund, D. D., pastor elect of St. Andrew's Church, Charleston, was elected as teacher in Seminary to succeed Rev. Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., who having accepted the call to the Presidency of Newberry College, tendered his resignation as instructor in the Seminary. While the Seminary has lost valuable men in the interest of our colleges in Virginia and South Carolina, the church is to be congratulated upon being able to promptly fill their places so successfully with men of acknowledged talent and approved merit in their respective departments.

The Board of Directors is glad to be able to announce that the annual Synodical apportionments can safely be reduced one-third, and it is therefore recommended that the same be continued as follows:

North Carolina Synod	$ 133 00
Tennessee Synod	100 00
South Carolina Synod	143 00
Virginia Synod	120 00
South-West Virginia Synod	87 00
Georgia Synod	66 00
Holston Synod	17 00
Mississippi Synod	5 00

We regret to have to record that on the 9th day of January, 1903, Rev. Prof. Karl Boldt, a scholar and able instructor in our Seminary suddenly ceased from his earthly labors, and that on the 22nd day of January, 1903, Mr. Carsten Wulbern, a member of the Board of Directors, and one of the most valuable friends of the Seminary, was also taken away from us by the hand of death. This Providence seems to us to have wrought a loss to our cause hard to overcome; yet we are the heirs of their beneficent influence, and are glad to be able to pay this tribute of affectionate rememberance.

The accompanying reports made to the Board by the Dean of the Seminary, the Treasurer of the Board, and the Chairman of the Century Memorial Endowment Committee, are made a part of this report and are submitted for record in the Minutes of the United Synod.

The Board of Directors desires to put on record grateful recognition of the encouragement and substantial co-operation of the several Synods, and the churches in general; and especially of the four churches of Charleston in their purchase of the Boldt Library at a cost of $2,000.00 and their gift of the same to the Seminary and other signal services in behalf of the institution.

The Board of Directors recommend that the action above named regarding the purchase of the Bernheim Hall be approved by the United Synod.

The Board desires to bring to the attention of the Synod the fact that the Trustees of the Mount Pleasant Academy have been negotiating for the purpose of the entire Seminary property at Mount Pleasant, S. C., and have offered for the whole property, including Bernheim Hall, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, which is very nearly the cost of the property. There is a strong desire on the part of many friends of the Seminary in Charleston to have the Seminary removed to that city, and if such removal is to be made it is urged that advantage should be taken of the present opportunity to sell at so good a price. This Board is not now prepared to recommend a sale of the property as no definite steps have yet been taken towards securing suitable quarters in Charleston. The Board, however, does recommend that the United Synod should vest the Board of Seminary Directors with discretionary power to make sale of the property, if after investigation they should come to the conclusion, that it is to the best interests of the Seminary to make such sale.

REPORT OF DEAN OF THE FACULTY FOR THE SESSION OF 1903-4.

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

Dear Brethren: By God's grace we have again been permitted to bring a session of fruitful work to a close. I have the honor now to submit to you in detail a report of the work of the session of 1903-4 and of the present condition of the Seminary.

Attendance.

Total number of Students 14. Seniors 4, Middle 7, Juniors 3. Of this number two were special students, one of whom was a pastor of nine years' experience. According to synodical connection the students are grouped as follows: Tennessee Synod, 5; S. W. Virginia Synod, 2; North Carolina Synod, 3; South Carolina Synod, 2; Georgia Synod, 1; Mississippi Synod, 1.

Work Done.

Both faculty and students have been able to attend to their duties without protracted interruptions. No serious sickness occurred. It can be said in all sincerity, the session has been one of faithful work on the part of both professors and students. The examinations, held at the close of the year, give evidence of this.

Graduating Class.

Four students have completed the course of study, and are herewith recommended to you for graduation. Their names are Thaddeus B. Epting, George H. L. Lingle, Charles R. Pless, and W. C. Schaeffer, Jr. It is also recommended that you authorize Faculty to issue a certificate to Rev. J. C. Wessinger, who attended the Seminary to supplement his theological education, a certificate of the excellent work done by him during the year.

It is noted here with pleasure that all of these gentlemen have received and accepted calls within the United Synod, except one, who, however, has specific work in view.

Refectory.

The refectory has been under the management of Mr. Julian B. Harman, of the Junior class, assisted by his competent wife. Mr. Harmon has given great satisfaction to all the students. Preliminary steps have already been taken to continue the present management for another session.

Benefactions.

If any portion of this report will give pleasure to you, it will be this. You will rejoice in both the large and small benefactions received by the Seminary during the past year.

The Boldt Library.

Early in the session the valuable library of the sainted Pastor Karl Boldt, purchased for the Seminary by the Charleston churches at a cost of $2,000.00, was removed to our main building. This gift included valuable furniture for our library. Through this increase the library has outgrown present shelf room.

The Literary Fund.

In unsolicited response to a suggestion made in the Lutheran Visitor a friend of the Seminary who desires to remain unknown, sent us a donation of a check for $500 for the purchase of the library books. It is the opinion of the Faculty that the most of this sum should be used as the beginning of a Library fund, the interest of which is to be used for making needed additions to the library from time to time. Accordingly $400 of the generous donation has been set aside as a permanent fund. Most of the remaining $100 has already been expended for books. We submit this plan for your consideration, hoping for your approval. We do this in the belief that this fund can gradually be increased. Another $100 has already been promised.

The New International Encyclopedia.

Through the active exertions of Prof. J. G. Schaid, of Walhalla, S. C., a number of friends of the Seminary purchased and donated to our institution the valuable New International Encyclopedia.

Maintaining the Dormitories and Study Rooms.

At the request of the Dean five of the parties, who so kindly furnished students' rooms when the present buildings were first occupied, have consented to keep up the supplies of these rooms as wear and tear make this necessary. The list of these kind donors is here given.

1. A lady in St. John's church, Charleston, S. C.
2. The Ladies Society of St. Andrew's church, Charleston, S. C.
3. The Ladies Society of St. Paul's church, Mt. Pleasant, S. C.
4. The Franen Verin of St. Matthew's church, Charleston, S. C.
5. The Orangeburg Conference of the S. C. Synod.

While speaking of benefactions received, it is proper also to

refer to the continued kindness towards the students manifested by many friends in the Lutheran churches of Charleston.

Assistance of Charleston Pastors.

In accordance with the request of the Board of Directors, Rev. J. W. Horine and Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., rendered valuable assistance during the session as professors in the institution. They came over from Charleston each every other week and gave highly appreciated instruction in the branches assigned to them. The value of the co-operation of these brethren is not to be estimated merely by the time they bestow. Their personal influence is perhaps of even higher importance than the valuable instruction they give. The co-operation of these active pastors is a vital factor in the strength of the Faculty.

Condition of the Property.

The property of the Seminary is in good, but not perfect condition. But only small repairs are necessary, that can be defrayed from the incidental fund.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. Voigt.

Mt. Pleasant, May 14, 1904.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN CENTURY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE—JULY 25, 1904.

The Treasurer's report of this date shows whole amount paid into the hands on Century Memorial Endowment since the inauguration of the movement to be $25,552.

The roll book show as still unpaid $3,911.95. This unpaid amount is distributed as follows.

North Carolina Synod	$ 214 25
Tennessee Synod	172 75
Virginia Synod	49 00
South Carolina Synod	2357 80
South-West Virginia Synod	550 25
Individual Subscriptions	50 00
Notes for Subscription	475 00
Total	$3,911 95

R. C. Holland.

SNYPOSIS OF MEMORIAL FUND.

From the reports of the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund made to the Board for the two years since the meeting of this body we take the following snyposis:

Amount of corpus May 7, 1904	$29,900 81
Invested in notes and bonds, secured by mortgage on real estate on same date	27,620 20
Invested in note Virginia Synod	2,000 00
Total Investments	$29,620 20

From May 3, 1902, to May 16, 1903, received on interest account and contributions to running expenses $3,622.03 and disbursed for same time $2,969.17.

From May 16, 1903, to May 7, 1904, received on interest account and contributions to running expenses $3,076.82 and disbursements for same time $3,409.87.

The deferred item of the Report on Orphan Home was adopted, and the Report adopted as a whole.

REPORT ON THE ORPHAN HOME.

To the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Dear Brethren: In behalf of the Trustees it gives me pleasure to report that the work of your Orphan Home has been carried on successfully since your last meeting. Through the generous support extended the Home by the church, it has expanded and improved its work in every way. Some additional land has been purchased near the present commodious building, thus securing ample room for garden and play-grounds, and also preventing the possibility of undesirable surroundings.

The present number of children in the Home is fifty-five, of whom thirty-three are from Virginia, four from South-West Virginia, twelve from North Carolina, and six from Tennessee. The executive Committee exercises judicious care in the consideration and reception of all applicants. The average number of children cared for during the past two years is something more than forty-six—a charitable work of no inconsiderable proportions. The average cost for each child has been $75.59 a year, which is considerably less than the cost in most similiar institutions.

With the expansion of the work it has been necessary to increase the force of helpers. It is no easy matter to care for a family of nearly sixty children. Besides the Superintendent and matron, there are now in the Home a housekeeper, a sewing instructor, a primary teacher, and a teacher for advanced pupils. These employes are all serving at modest, not to say self-denying salaries. The Superintendent receives $400 a year, his wife giving her service free as matron. The other ladies receive an average salary of $15.50 a month.

The practical side of education receives attention. The Home aims to develop habits of industry and to make its children self-supporting when they leave the institution.. During the school term, one-half the time of the older boys is devoted to manual labor, such as cutting wood, attending to garden and stock, mending shoes, working in the printing office, and keeping their rooms in order. The girls learn to sew, mend, wash, iron, sweep, cook, and in short to do all kinds of household work.

The school term has been fixed at nine months and a half. The primary pupils are in school five hours a day. The moral and religious side of education receives special attention and perhaps no feature of the work is more gratifying than the large proportion of the children who are in this way brought into active membership with the church.

The support of the Home still continues generous both in mony and in gifts in kind. The receipts of the past year show a small gain over the receipts of the preceding year. The total receipts for the past two years have been $7,758.47, of which $1,310.76 have been gifts in kind. The sources of these contributions are as follows:

North Carolina Synod	1,690 30
South-West Virginia Synod	1,632 66
Virginia Synod	1,410 86
South Carolina Synod	1,062 62
Tennessee Synod	376 53
Georgia Synod	190 52
Holston Synod	123 27
Mississippi Synod	57 05
Pay Children	725 25
Miscellaneous	271 03
Rent from Farm House	193 65

The Trustees, at their last annual meeting, gave careful consideration to an awarded charter, in order to conform it in all

respects to the wishes of the United Synod as indicated at Charleston. The result of their efforts will be found in the accompanying charter, which places the Home under the absolute control of the United Synod through trustees of its own choice. It is hoped that the amended charter will be found satisfactory in every particular.

The Trustees have decided to place before you and the church a full and conservative estimate of the financial condition of the Home. They therefore invite attention to the following figures:

Main Building (original cost $64,500.00) containing nearly 100 rooms,	$ 31,000
Forty-five town lots.	1,500
Old Orphanage Building with 8 acres of land	2,500
Personal property, consisting of Printing Office outfit (valued at $800.00). Laundry outfit, Kitchen and Dining room outfit, Stoves, Tables, Chairs, three Musical Instruments, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Bedding, School Room Furnishings, seven Sewing Machines, two Cows, one Horse, one Wagon, Farming Tools, etc.	2,500
	$37,500

Liabilities.

Bonded Debt (interest 5 per cent.)	$ 14,500 00
Accumulated Interest	1,656 03
Total	$16,156 03
Net Assets	$21,343 97

The Trustees hope that the United Synod at this meeting will take steps to liquidate the indebtedness of the Home, and thus remove a heavy handicap in its work. They have thought it best to leave the devising of the plan to the wise judgment of your body.

Before this report is closed, grateful mention should be made of a special gift of $500, by a friend at Salisbury, N. C., who wishes his name withheld, and also of two bequests. The first is that of Mrs. F. W. Heyer, of Wilmington, N. C., amounting to $300; and the second is that of Mr. F. P. Cover, of Andrews, N. C., amounting to $9,000.00. The latter is not yet available.

Respectfully submitted,

F. V. N. PAINTER, Secretary.

REPORT ON ORPHAN HOME.

We your Committee to whom the report of the Board of the Orphans' Home at Salem. Va., and the subjects involved were committed beg leave to submit the following:

1. We recommend that the title to the Orphans' Home shall be vested in the United Synod.

2. We recommend that this Committee hereinafter provided for shall appoint one lawyer practicing in Virginia and the Orphans' Home appoint one and the two to regulate and examine the title of the property now owned by the Orphans' Home and if they find the title good that they prepare and have executed such deed and take such steps as may be necessary under the laws of Virginia to vest such title in the Synod.

3. We recommend that a Committee of five be appointed to conduct a canvass for raising $16,000 to pay off the indebtedness and that the said committee be limited to two years for the accomplishing of this work.

4. We recommend that Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. B. W. Cronk, Rev. C. K. Bell and Rev. L. A. Fox be appointed as such committee with full powers to conduct the canvass.

5. We recommend that the Synod do now constitute the present Board of Trustees to serve until the next bi-annual meeting of this body, with authority to manage, maintain, and control the Orphan Home, adopting such rules and regulations therefor as to the Board seems proper and to have made any changes in the charter thereof which shall become necessary to perfect the transfer herein provided for.

6. We recommend that the Synod by adopting this item express its profound appreciation of the generous gifts and bequest made during the last bi-ennium and earnestly commend the Home to our people in making a disposition of their property after their death.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Fox.
B. S. Brown.
G. B. Cromer.
M. M. Kinard.
C. M. Efird.

The following report, nominating Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, was received and adopted:

We your Committee charged with the duty of nominating a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary would report the following as such Board:

Revs. R. C. Holland, W. C. Schaeffer, L. G. M. Miller, W. A. Deaton, M. O. J. Kreps, C. A. Marks, J. H. Wilson, Messrs. J. F. Picken, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, H. S. Trout, J. D. Cappelmann, J. E. Cooper, E. H. Jahns.

Respectfully submitted,
M M. Kinard.
V. Y. Boozer.
W. A. Deaton.
Paul Seig.
W. H. Greever.

The following was adopted on the New Market edition of the Book of Concord:

NEW MARKET EDITION OF THE BOOK OF CONCORD

Whereas, We recognize that the publication of the New Market edition of the Book of Concord was an event second to scarcely any other in importance for the maintenance and strengthening of Lutheranism in this country and especially in the territory now embraced in the United Synod; and

Whereas, We are powerfully reminded by our meeting here in New Market of this interesting historical event, and especially of the fact that it was just 50 years ago that the second edition of the Book of Concord in English appeared, the preface being dated July 4, 1854; therefore

Resolved, That this preamble and resolution be spread upon our Minutes as an expression of our appreciation of the labors and wise enterprise of the members of the Henkel family in getting out the Book of Concord in English, also, as a testimonial to their faithful adherence to the true doctrine and policy of the Lutheran church during so many years of general indifference and falling away from the faith.

On motion, 10 A. M., tomorrow was fixed as the hour for the formal reception of Rev. D. B. Floyd, the official Representative of the General Synod.

The Synod was adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. E. Weltner.

At 8 P. M., addresses on Home Missions were delivered by Revs. M. M. Kinard and E. C. Cronk.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, July 30, 1904, 9 A. M.

Synod was called to order and opened with devotional services, conducted by Rev. B. S. Brown.

Roll was called, and Minutes of yesterday's sessions read and approved.

Report of Committee on Seminary Board was, on motion, reconsidered. Rev. J. H. Wilson and Mr. E. H. Jahns were added to the Board of Directors, and the report adopted as amended.

Report of Committee on District Synods was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SYNODS.

The Committee on District Synods submit the following report,:

We find by examination of the Minutes of the several district synods that all are actively engaged in the work of the Master. Each one is striving to do local work looking to the promotion of the church.

There is increased interest in Christian education, missions, and Sunday school work. The different educational institutions located within the bounds of the Southern Church are growing stronger from year to year in the hearts of our people. This is evident by the increased facilities in the way of buildings and equipemnts for educational work. We hope the time is not far distant when our people will all rally to the support of Church Institutions and make them centers of great Christian activity.

We note with pleasure greater activity in each Synod in local Mission work. In some sections the Mission work is largely

carried on in connection with the general body, while in other places, more is done under the supervision of the district synod or conferences. This accounts to some extent for the disparity of the contributions towards the Home Mission work of the United Synod.

It would be beneficial to the cause of Missions if the Mission Boards of the several district synods and conferences would report to the Mission Board of this body the amount of funds raised and the work done by each district synod. Such statistics would invite comparison and arouse greater interest in this important work.

Our people are becoming more churchly in their practical Christian life, as they acquire a deeper appreciation of the confessions of the church with a greater knowledge of the doctrines and cultus of the church they will more fully realize they are brethren of the same faith.

We also note with pleasure that many congregations have built new houses of worship, houses for the pastor, and other evidences of material prosperity among our people. In the greater prosperity which has come to our Southland, our people have not lost their reverence for the church and their love of spiritual things.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. Cline.
Z. W. Bedenbaugh.
E. C. Weltner.

Committee on Minutes of last Synod reported. Adopted.

MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

We, your Committee on Minutes of the last Convention of this body find but three things calling for action, viz:

1. On page 53, it is recorded that "The Secretary was instructed to have the Minutes of this Synod together with those of the General Synod South, and the Diet, bound, and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the cost of the same." Has this been done? In part.

2. On page 79, we find that a Committee consisting of Revs. S. T. Hallman, J. C. Moses and C. B. King was appointed to prepare a simplified form of statistical reports.

Has the Committee any thing to report to this body?—Duty performed and report ready.

3. On page 40, we find a recommendation that the district synods, through their conferences devise ways and means for the general dissemination of Lutheran literature among our people. We would ask what has been in the matter? —In part.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. H. Cox.
Paul Sieg.
W. L. Seabrook.
H. J. Mathias.
A. D. R. Hancher.

Report of Committee on President's Report was submitted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The report of the President exhibits a spirit of sympathetic interest in the work to which the body is called, and breathes a cheering hopefulness combined with an appreciative recognition of our needs and limitations and we would join in the call of our President to larger undertakings and more hearty and general co-operations.

We commend this report as worthy to be carefully read by our people, both for the information it presents, and the observations therein contained in connection with the several branches of the work submitted to our attention.

Inasmuch as the various interests referred to in this report will be passed upon by this body, Committees upon reports of Committees having the same in charge, we content ourselves with the recommendation that the President's report be spread upon the Minutes as a valuable contribution to the work of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Holland.
J. P. Stirewalt.
J. B. Greiner.
E. A. Shenk.
M. M. Kinard.
Geo. B. Cromer.

Resolved. That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the district synods, beginning with this convention, and that such district synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

Revs. W. K. Sligh, W. P. Cline and V. Y. Boozer were appointed a committee to nominate visitors to other general bodies.

The following Board of Missions was nominated and elected:

Revs. R. C. Holland, W. L. Seabrook, L. G. M. Miller, H. E. H. Sloop, W. C. Schaeffer, S. D. Steffey, W. A. Deaton and Mr. J. E. Cooper, Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer.

The official Visitor to the General Synod made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

I had the honor to represent the United Synod as its fraternal delegate to the 41st Convention of the General Synod, held in the First Church, Baltimore, Md., June 3-11, 1903, and would report that I was most cordially received by that body. It was a great pleasure as well as an inspiration to be present and to hear the details of the work of this aggressive, wide-awake body of our beloved church, and to form an appreciation of the strength and power of its wise and systematic organization. To the perfection of their organization in the departments of Missions, Publication, Orphanage, etc., is largely due the great and well known efficiency and fruitfulness in these many important branches of Christian work. Your delegate was pleased to present to this body our greetings and our work, and will ever remember most pleasantly his kind and brotherly reception and the very warm welcome given him as the representative of the Southern Church.

Rev. J. W. Richard, D. D., LL. D., was appointed principal and Rev. D. B. Floyd alternate, as fraternal visitors to this body by the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH.

Rev. D. B. Floyd, official Visitor from the General Synod, was introduced, and invited to address the Synod. He presented the greetings of his Synod in an address full of interest and words of cheer.

By request of President Yoder, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer responded in appropriate terms, assuring the General Synod, through her representative, of our most cordial greeting.

The Committee on the Publication Interests of the United Synod reported. The report was considered by items, amended and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLICATION INTERESTS OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

There were referred to this Committee the following reports:

1. Report of Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers.
2. Report of Board of Publication.
3. Report of Committee on a Common Sunday School Literature.

Your Committee offers the following recommendations:

Report of Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers.

It should be a cause of no little gratification that this long cherished purpose is about to be fulfilled and we are of opinion that for its realization the Synod is in large measure indebted to the patient and intelligent efforts of its Committee. We recommend:

(a.) That the United Synod endorse the arrangement as outlined in the proposition of the United Synod Publishing Committee.

(b.) That a committee of five, to be known as the Publishing Committee of the United Synod, be appointed in accordance with item five of the aforesaid proposition and that the consolidation of the two papers take place under the direction of this Committee.

Report of Board of Publication.

Not unmindful of the faithful labors hitherto performed by this Board and the valuable service it has rendered to the Synod we recommend,

That the aforesaid Publishing Committee shall be considered

the successor of the Board of Publication, when the present obligations of the said Board shall have been fiulfilled, and that in the meantime, the new publishing interests of all the Synod go into the hands of the Publishing Comimttee.

Report of Committee on Common Sunday School Literature.

(a.) That the Publishing Committee be instructed to devise ways and means to meet the first payment of the picture-charts, and that it be authorized to make a loan for this purpose, if such loan be found necessary.

(b.) That the Publishing Committee be authorized to make an arrangement with the United Synod Publishing Company whereby the latter may become the repository and distributing agent of the picture-charts and of other Sunday School supplies.

(c.) That our Sunday Schools be requested to order their supplies through this agency.

(d.) That the President of the United Synod be authorized to execute the contract for the publication of the picture-charts on behalf of the United Synod.

(e.) That it is unwise at this time to take definite action with relation to a common Sunday School Journal; but we recommend that the Publishing Committee be instructed to arrange with the owner and publisher of the Southern Lutheran for the continuation of its publication.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Horine.
R. C. Holland.
J. L. Deaton.
V. Y. Boozer.
W. C. Schaeffer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF CHURCH PAPERS.

Your Committee appointed at the Charleston Convention (see last Minutes pages 82-83) to take into consideration the consolidation of our two church papers, and to further consider the better organization of our publishing interests beg leave to submit the following report:

The committee consulted the publishers of The Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper, and also wrote the editor of The Southern Lutheran.

The two former have made the United Synod propositions

looking to consolidation, and the Committee also understands that the Southern Lutheran can be secured for the consolidation. Because of the various agencies identified with our publishing interests, the Committee thought it not necessary to correspond with these different parties.

Resolved, That the United Synod agrees to the proposition of the Visitor Company to take over Our Church Paper, under the agreement of their supplemental proposition, the United Synod having the option to buy the consolidated papers at the cost price. It is further agreed that this consolidation take place under the direction of a Committee of this body and that such Committee represent the United Synod until the next Convention.

The propositions from the Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper are appended to this report for information and discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. Smith.
L. A. Fox.
C. B. King.
G. B. Cromer.

Proposition of the Lutheran Visitor Company to the Committee For Consolidation of Church Papers For the United Synod.

Proposition 1.The Lutheran Visitor Company will sell to the Consolidation Committee, or to Henkel and Company, its charter, subscription lists, good will, and everything pertaining to the Lutheran Visitor for $3,000.00 and the Company will dissolve.

Proposition 2. The Lutheran Visitor Company will undergo such organization as may be necessary, and will provide sufficient capital for the purchase of "Our Church Paper" and for the publication of a new consolidated paper upon the following conditions:

1st. That the purchase price of "Our Church Paper" be considered reasonable by the new Publishing Company.

2nd. That the United Synod recognize the new consolidated paper (which the new Publishing Company will guarantee to be a marked improvement over either of the papers now in existence) by making it the official organ of the United Synod.

3rd. That the United Synod retain a perpetual option for the purchase and possession of said paper, at what may be con-

sidered a reasonable price, the price to be fixed by a disinterested committee of three, chosen, one member by the United Synod, one by the Publishing Company, and one by the other two thus chosen.

4th. That the actual editorial and business management of said consolidated paper be left in the hands of the said new Publishing Company, but that the United Synod appoint regularly an Advisory Committee, which shall exercise censership over the editorial management of the new paper and report to the United Synod at its regular meetings; and that the United Synod shall be free to withdraw its official recognition of said paper whenever said paper shall cease to be considered a satisfactory organ by the United Synod.

5th. That the new Publishing Company will endeavor to locate its Publication office at such geographical point as will make it most accessible to every part of the territory of the United Synod, and will seek, as far as possible, to give equitable satisfaction to the interest of each district synod, and to every department of the general work of the church.

LUTHERAN VISITOR Co.,
W. H. Greever, President.
C. A. Freed, Vice-President.
Wm. P. Houseal, Sec'y and Treas.

Proposition of Henkel and Company to the Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers For the United Synod.

New Market, Va., May 25, 1904.

Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., Chairman Committee on Consolidation of Our Church Paper and Lutheran Visitor:

We will sell to you, or the Lutheran Visitor Company, Columbia, South Carolina, with a view to its being consolidated with the Lutheran Visitor—the consolidated paper to become the official organ of the United Synod of the South—Our Church Paper, for Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($950).. This to be construed only to include its subscription or mailing list, good will and advertising patronage, as shown in its columns, as far as we are able to control it; and when sale is consummated we will cease the publication of Our Church Paper.

All advertising obligations, if any be due on Our Church Paper, will be paid us, and all amounts due on subscription, advertising, etc., up to consummation of sale and to date we cease to publish

said paper, remain solely the property of Henkel and Company, to be dealt with as they deem best. If sold they assume the obligation to remit, pro rata, at rate paid to each subscriber, in cash, to those who have paid in advance, with the consolidated paper, at a rate, not exceeding $1.00 per year—the price at which Our Church Paper is now published—pro rata, for any time, for one year or less.

The object and tenor of this offer is to secure a consolidation of the two papers, to be the official organ of the United Synod of the South, and under its editorial control with some proviso, if it can be arranged, that the paper ultimately become the property of said Synod, should it desire to purchase and own said paper.

HENKEL AND CO.,
Ambrose L. Henkel.
Elon O. Henkel.

Rev. L. L. Simth, D. D., Chairman Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers:

We the undersigned, as the Board of Corporators of the United Synod Publishing Company, are authorized to notify you that at a meeting held in Columbia on the 15th of June, 1904, all necessary preliminary steps were taken for the organization of a new publishing company to be known as the United Synod Publishing Company, which hereby submits the following proposition for the purchase of the Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper, subject to the approval of the United Synod, whereupon a charter will be secured from the State of South Carolina and the permanent organization of the Company effected.

1. The capital stock of this Company will be $5,000, of which 80 per cent. is to be paid into the Treasury of the Company.

2. This Company agrees to purchase The Lutheran Visitor at the price of $3,000, and Our Church Paper at the price of $950.

3. The Company agrees that the name of the new paper shall be, The Church Visitor, with the indication either on the title or editorial page as having been consolidated from The Lutheran Visitor and Our Church Paper.

4. The editorial and business management will be constituted as follows: Editor in chief, Rev. W. H. Greever; Contributing Editors, Revs. S. T. Hallman, D. D., and C. A. Freed; Managing

Editor, Mr. Wm. P. Houseal. Business Manager, Rev. C. A. Freed; Assistant Business Manager, Mr. Wm. P. Houseal.

5. This Company asks the United Synod to adopt the new paper as its official organ and agrees to place its editorial management under the censorship of an Advisory Committee to be appointed regularly by the United Synod.

6. The new Company agrees to give the United Synod an option at the end of four years, to purchase the new paper, its business and good will, and everything pertaining thereto, for the sum of $3,950.00, with the addition of whatever amount shall have been necessary for the successful conduct of the new paper.

7. The subscription price of the new paper shall be $1.50 per annum.

8. The new Company binds itself to consider carefully the demand of its constituency as to the character of the advertising matter inserted in its columns of the new paper and to exclude all objectionable advertisements at the expiration of the present contract.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Your Board would submit the following as their biennial report. The Board organized by the election of W. H. Greever, Chairman, A. H. Kohn, Secretary, and E. H. Aull, Treasurer. Executive Committee, W. H. Greever, S. T. Hallman, J. W. Eargle, A. G. Wise and A. H. Kohn.

The operations of the Board have been necessarily circumscribed, especially so under the resolution passed at the last session of the Synod in Charleston, South Carolina. (Page 83. Sec. 4.) The Board did not know at what minute they would be called upon to consolidate and this hampered the work. The Superintendent continued the publication of the Book of Worship and the Southern Lutheran. The Superintendent also printed with the Boards imprint the proceedings of the Second Lutheran Conference. See report Superintendent.

As we said in our last report if the publication interest of the Synod could be consolidated there is no reason that your Board can see why it should not be a source of considerable income to the Synod, and an important factor in the progress and development of our church work.

Again we would call attention to the report of the Superintendent

in reference to Dr. Peery's "Lutherans in Japan." At these times it seems that it should have a large sale. If this edition could be disposed of it would be to the financial betterment of the Board.

As the Committee on Consolidation of Church Papers had the matter of consolidation of publication interest of the Board in hand we have nothing to report on that line except to say that the Publication Board will not stand in the way of any forward movement which may come before Synod and will give it our hearty co-operation and support.

The report of the Superintendent is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Greever, Chm.
A. H. Kohn.
V. R. Stickley.
S. T. Hallman.
A. G. Wise.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

Newberry, S. C., July 20, 1904.

Rev. W. H. Greever, Chairman Lutheran Publication Board.

Dear Sir: I beg herewith to submit my third report as your Superintendent.

I renewed my contract with the Common Service Committee for the publication of the Book of Worship. The sales have been about the same during the past two years as they were for the two previous years. Some of the finer bindings I find very little demand for; in fact, as you will see from my report of books on hand, I have sold very few copies; and, in fact, have on hand quite a number of those that were bound up six years ago. In as much as there has been some uncertainty about the continuation of the present book and as my contract expires at each meeting of the United Synod, I have endeavored to reduce my stock as much as possible. I regret that during the last few months I have not been able to fill all orders for the cloth bound edition of the Book of Worship, and it is due both to myself and all interested that the cause of this inability be explained; to furnish it at the price at which it is sold, it is neces-

sary to have it bound in comparatively large lots; a few cannot be bound at the same price. The contract with the Common Service Committees expires with the meeting of the United Synod. It has been announced through the Church papers that te work of the Joint Committee on Common Hymnal has been the work of the Joint Committee on Common Hymnal has been resolutions "overturing the United Synod to substitute the new Hymnal for our present Hymnal and provide for its early publication, if adopted by the United Synod." (See South Carolina Synod Minutes, page 31.)

With the possibility of the publication of a new book, business prudence prompted me to let the stock run down as low as possible. It was not expected that all of the cheaper editions would have been sold and they would not have been had the Synod met at its usual time in the month of May. The orders, however, the filling of which has been prevented by this shortage, do not exceed one hundred copies. I have written to all parties from whom I have received orders, explaining the situation.

I have, as stated in my last report, printed Rev. R. B. Peery's "Lutherans in Japan," but I regret to state that the sale of this book has been very small. As I stated in my last report, the book was written for the purpose of giving the Lutherans of the United Synod information of the work which the Synod is doing in Japan. I printed an edition of two thousand copies, but have sold considerably less than five hundred. It may be because the book has not been sufficiently advertised and pushed, or it may be because our people prefer to buy a book published by a Northern house. Certainly it cannot be the fault of the book either in matter of mechanical make-up. The fact remains that I have been unable to place it in the homes of our people.

During the past year a proposition was made to our Board from the Secretaries of the Second General Conference of Lutherans, held in Philadelphia in 1902, to publish the proceedings of that Conference. The Publication houses of the General Synod North and of the General Council both declined to undertake the work. It was undertaken by our Board and the book was printed. We had to rush the work very much in order to have it out in time for the meeting of the Third General Conference of Lutherans held in Pittsburg, but I succeeded in getting it out in time for this meeting. I attended this Conference in person and had with me a number of copies of the proceedings

of the Second Conference. I secured a sufficient number of orders, if all the books are taken and paid for to just about cover the cost of getting the book out. I have on hand two or three hundred copies still.

At the meeting of the Third Conference in Pittsburg I was awarded a contract to print the proceedings of the Third Conference. There has been some little delay in getting the copy, but it is now in my hands and work will be commenced on it very soon.

I feel that the Board has accomplished something, because if it had not been in existence the proceedings of the Second General Conference of Lutherans, in all probability, would never have been published.

I have continued the publication of the Southern Lutheran and when Rev. W. H. Greever, who was the editor, became interested in the Lutheran Visitor he found that it would be impossible for him to continue as editor of the Southern Lutheran, and I secured the services of Rev. W. L. Seabrook, who kindly consented to take up the work, at least until the meeting of the United Synod. The subscription list to the Southern Lutheran has gradually grown until we now print twenty-five hundred copies. This number barely pays the cost of publication in as much as the paper has to depend exclusively on its subscription list. If the list could be doubled we could make it a source of small income to the Board. I trust that the Synod may be able to reach some plan by which all of the publication interests may be united, and if this can be done it will be possible to do better work and to make these interests a source of income to the Synod.

I have no recommendations to make.

The following is the financial statement:

Balance on hand June 30, 1904, Printing and Com. Book of Worship .. .. ..

wards the eventual attainment of a true Lutheran supply that will be acceptable to all our English speaking people." A full meeting was immediately held in Charleston, which instructed the Chairman to open correspondence with other general bodies, and to adopt vigorous methods for the furtherance of our aim. The Chairman therefore addressed letters to Dr. W. H. Dunbar, of the General Synod, and Dr. Theodore E. Schmauk, of the General Council as representing the Sunday School interests of those two bodies. Our overtures were met in a most friendly spirit, and a correspondence ensued which is in our hands and subject to the inspection of this body at any time Such favorable progress was made that at our suggestion a Joint Conference was finally agreed to, and in April, 1903, your Chairman met the two other Chairmen already named, at Philadelphia, in order to formulate plans for the eventual attainment of our purpose.

It was agreed at this meeting that for the present we should confine our labors to the so-called primary grades, and that nothing should be done to supplant the use of the International lessons or of the General Council' graded series or of other systems in the more advanced departments. With this understanding distinctly in mind we undertook the formulation of plans for a graded system of primary instruction, whereof the following presents a brief general outline:

We believe, first of all that a true Lutheran system of primary instruction should begin with the baptized child. The recent general movement toward the formation of "cradle rolls" is a confirmation of the Lutheran position. But the "cradle roll" is a mere beginning; an evidence, simply, of the recognition of a vital need. In our judgment, two manuals for the use of Lutheran mothers might profitably be provided. The first of them might be called, "In the Mother's Arms;" and should be designed to impress on the mother's heart the deep significance and responsibility of child training, and to prepare her mind as well as may be toward that end. The second of these manuals might be characterized or named, "At the Mother's Knee;" and should provide the simplest Christian songs and sentences to be taught to the infant child before he is old enough to enter the Sunday School. We believe that the adoption of proper manuals of this kind might do much to solve the serious problem of early Christian training in the home.

After the child has entered the Sunday School, it seems to us that in a fully graded school there might well be three primary grades. Let it be understood here, however, that the system would not require or presuppose the use of every grade in every school; it would, when completed, provide full grades for such schools as should require them, and the three primary grades would be based on the natural development of child mind character.

First, there is a "kindergarten" period, when the child is living in a world "garden" full of mystery, full of wonder, full of fairies or of angels, and when the wonder-stories of the Bible may be presented in such abiding fashion as never to be lost. We believe that at this early period the miracle stories of the Old and New Testaments ought to be presented in the simplest and most attractive form. The age of this grade might embrace the ages of three to six years, inclusive.

Secondly, the child passes from a world of wonder into a world of work, when the impressions of early infancy seek to express themselves in construction. This is the age of building blocks, of slate and pencil, and of colored crayons. We believe that the Sunday School should utilize this age through the use of improved educational methods,—by the means of simple sand-tables, etc.,—so as to draw out the constructive tendencies of the awakening child in the building up of simple Scriptural conceptions. In other words, the first period is concerned with intangible mysteries; the second period deals with tangible facts. The age of this grade might include the years, six to eight.

Thirdly, we believe that when the children have reached this age, they are ready for permanent classification. Hitherto they have been gathered in a general department, without classes. We believe that this third grade might be properly instructed by means chiefly of picture charts, the sense of form and color being by this time sufficiently developed to make their use efficacious, and the employment of such general methods affording opportunities for investigation with a view to proper classing, at this time.

Your Committee merely suggests these plans in outline. We have not prepared a system in detail, with the single exception of the picture charts. We found that the grade which was most in need of supplies was the one that came last in

our scheme. There are no suitable picture charts published anywhere for use in a first-class Sunday School. So manifest is this fact that the Chairman thinks that there would be considerable outside demand for a good annual supply of Sunday School picture-charts. Not only so, but we found that the Joint Synod of Ohio would co-operate with us in the preparation of these picture-charts. For all these reasons, after simply providing a theoretical superstructure for the chart grade, we concentrated all our energies on this particular work, which opens a field of practical co-operation at this time. The Chairman of your Committee has been in constant correspondence with the other Chairmen upon this question (Rev. J. Sheatsley, representing the Joint Synod of Ohio), and at a conference held in Pittsburg just after Easter, 1904, we found ourselves able to agree upon two sets of pictures, with texts, of fifty-two pictures each, one set from the New Testament, the other from the Old Testament, each set to be arranged for a year's use in the Sunday School. The final list of subjects and texts is attached to this report as Appendix A. The three other general bodies have acted favorably upon this question of the picture charts, and are ready to proceed with actual publication, as soon as our consent and co-operation can be secured. Since this meeting of the United Synod opened, your Committee has received a blank duplicate contract for this work, which is attached to this report as Appendix B, and presents the matter in detail. We may add that the General Synod and the General Council have also endorsed our entire general scheme, and that the General Council has already proceeded, on its own initiative, to issue literature covering two departments of the system.

Common Sunday School Paper.

When the Chairman of your Committee attended the fiirst Chairmen's conference aforesaid, he learned that a movement was already in progress between the General Synod and the General Council looking to the issue of a Common Sunday School paper. These two bodies welcomed the United Synod to their deliberations and co-operative plans. An agreement was reached which is attached to this report as Appendix C.

Recommendations.

This report was finally arranged by a meeting of the Committee held in New Market, Virginia, yesterday, the only absent

member being the Rev. Dr. J. C. Moser. We present the following items for your action:

1. Your Committee report their work in connection with the picture charts as already accomplished. They recommend co-operation with the other general bodies in this matter.

2. They ask the Synod to determine what disposition shall be made of the business features of this matter, viz., the actual publication of the charts.

3. They ask Synod to express its judgment with reference to co-operation in a Common Sunday School Journal.

4. They present a partial bill of expenses, amounting to $35.00, and ask that the same be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. B. Scherer.
R. C. Holland.
Geo. B. Cromer.
L. A. Fox.

Appendix A.—Subjects and Golden Texts For Charts.

Final and Official List.

New Testament.

1. Giving The Child John a Name.—Luke 1:18-13, 59-63.—"Thou shalt call his name John."—Luke 1:13.

2. Jesus Laid in the Manger.—Luke 2:1-7.—"Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor."—II Cor. 8:9.

3. The Angels Appear to the Shepherds.—Luke 2:8-20.—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—Luke 2:14.

4. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:21-39.—"Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins."—Matt. 1:21.

5. The Wise Men.—Matt. 2:1 11.—"They fell down and worshipped him."—Matt. 2:11.

6. Jesus and His Home at Nazareth.—Luke 2:39-40, 51-52.—"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."—Exodus 20:12.

7. The Boy Jesus in the Temple.—Luke 2:41-49.—"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psalms 1:22-1.

8. John the Baptist preaching.—Matt. 3:1-12.—"Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."—Matt. 3:2.

9. John the Baptist Points to Jesus.—John 1:29-37.—"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." —John 1:29.

10. Jesus Tempted.—Matt. 4:1-11.—"Jesus was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."—Heb. 4: 15.

11. The First Disciples of Jesus.—John 1:35-46.—"I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest."—Mat. 8:19.

12. The Marriage at Cana.—John 2:1-11.—"And we beheld His glory."—John 1:14.

13. The Nobleman Comes to Jesus For His Son.—John 4:46-54. —"Go thy way; thy son liveth."—John 4:50.

14. Jesus And The Woman of Samaria.—John 4:5-26—"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."—John 4:14.

15. The Sermon on The Mount.—Matt. 1:1-12; 7: 7-12, 24-27.— "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it."—Luke 28.

16. The Healing of The Palsied Man.—Mark 2:1-12."—Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee."—Matt. 9:2.

17. The Calling of Matthew.—Matt. 9:9-17.—"Follow me. And he arose, and followed him."—Matt. 9:9.

18. Christ Sending Out The Apostles.—Matt. 9:35-38; 10:1-8— "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."—Matt. 28:19.

19. The Alabaster Vase.—Luke 7:36-50.—"She hath wrought a good work on me."—Mark 14:6.

20. John Condemning King Herod.—Mark 6:14-29.—"He was a burning and a shining light."—John 5:35.

21. The Feeding of The Five Thousand.—John 6:1-13.—"Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life."—John 6:35.

22. The Woman of Canaan.—Mark 7:24-30.—"O woman, great is thy faith."—Matt. 15:28.

23. The Good Shepherd.—John 10:1-16.—"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."—John 10:11.

24. The Good Samaritan.—Luke 10:25-37.—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—Matt. 22:39.

25. Blind Bartimeus.—Mark 10:46-52.—"The eyes of the blind shall be opened."—Isa. 35:5.

26. The Departure of The Prodigal.—Luke 15:11-19.—"I perish with hunger!"—Luke 15:17.

27. The Return of The Prodigal.—Luke 15:20-32.—"Father, I have sinned and am no more worthy to be called thy son."—Luke 15:21.

28. Jesus Calling Children to Himself.—Mark 10:13-16.—"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."—Mark 10:14.

29. Busy Martha.—Luke 10:38-42.—"Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: gut one thing is needful." —Luke 10:41-42.

30. The Rich Young Ruler.—Mark 10:17-27.—"Come, take up the cross, and follow me."—Mark 10:21.

31. Lazarus Raised From The Dead.—John 11:1-6, 39-44.—"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life.—John 11:25.

32. Zaccheus Climbs Into The Tree.—Luke 19:1-10.—"He sought to see Jesus."—Luke 19:3.

33. Jesus Riding Into Jerusalem.—Matt. 21:1-9.—"Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee."—Matt. 21:5.

34. The Ten Virgins.—Matt. 25:1-13.—"And the door was shut." —Matt. 25:10.

35. Jesus Taken Captive.—Mark 14:43-50.—"The Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."—Matt. 26:45.

36. Peter Denies Christ.—Mark 14:66-72.—"And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, and went out, and wept bitterly."—Luke 22:61-62.

37. The Crucifixion.—Luke 23:35-47.—"The Son of man came to give his life a ransom for many."—Matt. 20:28.

38. The Death And Burial of Jesus.—John 19:31-42.—"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and he was buried."—I Cor. 15:3-4.

39. The Angels in the Sepulchre.—Luke 24:1-12.—"Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen."—Luke 24:5-6.

40. Mary at The Sepulchre.—John 20:11-18.—"Behold, I am alive for evermore."—Rev. 1:18.

41. The Walk to Immaus.—Luke 24:13-32.—"Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures."—Luke 24: 32.

42. Doubting Thomas.—John 20:24-29.—"Be not faithless, but believing. Thomas said unto him, My Lord and my God." —John 20:27-28.

43. Simon Lovest Thou Me.—John 21:1-17.—"That disciples whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord."—John 21:7

44. The Ascension.—Luke 24:44-53.—"While he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."—Luke 24:51.

45. Pentecost.—Acts. 2:1-13.—"Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."—Luke 24:40.

46. Peter and John in the Temple.—Acts 3:1-10.—"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."—Acts 3:6.

47. Stephen—Acts 6:8-15, 7:54-60.—"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev. 2:10.

48. Philip and the Eunuch.—Acts 8:26-40.—"Understandest thou what thou readest?"—Acts 8:30.

49. Saul's Conversion.—Acts 9:1-9.—"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"—Acts 9:6.

50. The Jailer at Philippi.—Acts 16:22-34.—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—Acts 16:31.

51. Timothy Taught in the Scriptures.—II Timothy 1:1-8.—"From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."—II Timothy 3:15.

52. The New Jerusalem.—Rev. 21:1-7.—"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God."—Rev. 21:2.

Old Testament.

1. The First Six Days.—Gen. 1:1-8. 26-30.—"And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. —Gen. 1:31.

2. Adam and Eve.—Gen. 2:4-7, 18-24.—"God created man in his own image."—Gen. 1:27.

3. The Serpent and the Tree.—Gen. 3:1-15.—"The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."—Gen. 3:13.

4. The Killing of Abel.—Gen. 4:2-12.—"What hast thou done? the voice of my brother's blood crieth unto me."—Gen. 4:10.

5. The Dove and the Olive Branch.—Gen. 8:1-13.—"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."—Gen. 6: 8.

6. Noah's Offering and the Bow of Promise."—Gen. 8:20-22, 9:8-17.—"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth."—Gen. 9:13.

7. Promise Made to Abraham.—Gen. 15:5-18.—"Fear not, Abraham: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." —Gen. 15-1.

8. Separation of Abram and Lot.—Gen. 13:1-18.—"Let there be no strife, I pray thee between me and thee, for we be brethren.—Gen. 13:8.

9. Sodom and Gomorrah.—Gen. 19:15-26.—"Escape for thy life; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.—Gen. 19:17.

10. Abraham Offering upIsaac.—Gen. 22:1-14.—"By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac."—Heb. 11:17.

11. Rebekah at the Well.—Gen. 24:6-20.—I will guide thee with mine eye."—Psalm 32:8.

12. Isaac Blessing Jacob.—Gen. 27:15-29.—"By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come."—Heb. 11:20.

13. Ladder.—Gen. 28:10-22.—"And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on earth, and the top of it reached to heaven." —Gen. 28:12.

14. Jacob Reconciled With Esau.—Gen. 33:1-14.—"Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven."—Luke 6:37.

15. Joseph's Coat of Many Colors.—Gen. 37:1-11.—"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love.—Rom. 12:10.

16. Joseph Sold Into Egypt.—Gen. 37:12-36.—"And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him."—Acts. 7:9.

17. Joseph Set Over Egypt.—Gen. 41:38-49.—"Them that honour me I will honour."—I Sam. 2:30.

18. Joseph Making Himself Known.—Gen. 45:1-15.—"Come near to me, I am Joseph your brother."—Gen. 45:4.

19. Jacob Afflicted.—Job. 1:13-20.—"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."—Job 1:21.

20. The Finding of Moses.—Ex. 2: 3-10.—"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6.

21. The Burning Bush.—Ex. 3:1-12.—"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." —Ex. 3:5.

22. Moses Before Pharaoh.—Ex. 7:1-10.—"And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and it became a serpent."—Ex. 7:10.

23. The Passover.—Ex. 12:1-17.—"Christ our passover is sacrificed for us."—I Cor. 5:7.

24. Moses at the Red Sea.—Ex. 14:13-27.—"Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed."—Ex. 15:13.

25. Moses Striking the Rock.—Ex. 17:1-7.—"Behold, he smote

the rock, that the waters gushed out."—Ps. 78:20.

26. The Commandment and the Golden Calf.—Ex. 32:1-8, 15-19. —"They changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image."—Rom. 1:23.

27. The Tabernacle.—Ex. 40:1-13.—Blessed are they that dwell in thy house."—Ps. 84:4.

28. Korah's Rebellion.—Num. 16:1-8, 31-35.—"Be not deceived; God is not mocked."—Gal. 6:7.

29. The Brazen Serpent.—Num. 21:1-9.—"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."—John 3:14.

30. Joshua Called as Leader.—Num. 27:18-23.—"Be strong and of good courage; for the Lord thy God is with thee."—Joshua 1:9.

31.—Crossing the Jordan.—Joshua 3:9-17.—"When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee."—Isa. 43:2.

32. Gideon and the Trumpets.—Judges 7:1-8, 16-21.—"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."—Ps. 118:8.

33. The Boy Samuel.—I Sam. 3:6-14.—"Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth."—I Sam. 3:9.

34. Saul Chosen King.—I Sam. 10:17-27.—"The Lord is our king; he will save us."—Isa. 33:22.

35. David and Goliath.—I Sam. 17:38-49.—"The battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands."—I Sam. 17:47.

36. Jonathan Loves David.—I Sam. 18:1-9.—"And Jonathan loved him as his own soul." I Sam. 18:1.

37. David Prosecuted Saul.—I Sam. 26:1-12.—"Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God."—Isa. 41:10.

38. David and the Prophet Nathan.—II Sam. 12:1-10.—"And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord."—II Sam. 12:13.

39. King Solomon's Dream.—I Kings 3:4-15.—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."—Prov. 9:10.

40. Solomon Buildeth the Temple.—I Kings 5:1-9, 15-18.—"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." —Ps. 127:1.

41. Elijah Fed by Ravens.—I Kings 17:1-16.—The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season."—Ps. 145:15.

42. Naboth's Vineyard.—I Kings 21:4-16.—"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house."—Ex. 20:17.

43. Elijah Taken Up Into Heaven.—II. Kings 2:6-15.—"He was not; for God took him."—Gen. 5:24.

44. Elisha and the Shunammite.—II Kings 4:25-37.—"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee."—Ps. 55:22.

45. Jonah Preaching.—Jonah 3:1-10.—"Behold, a greater than Jonas is here."—Luke 11:32.

46. Hezekiah the Sick Ruler.—II Kings 20:1-11.—"I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee."—II Kings 20:5.

47. The King Burning the Scroll of Jeremiah.—Jer. 36:20-32.—"The word of our God shall stand forever."— Isa. 40:8.

48. The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace.—Dan. 3:14-28.—"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us."—Dan. 3:17.

49. Belshazzar's Feast.—Dan. 5:1-8, 17-30.—"Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."—Dan. 5:27.

50. Daniel in the Lion's Den.—Dan. 6:10-23.—"The Lord is thy keeper."—Ps. 121:5.

51. Mordecai Honored.—Esther 6:1-12, 7:1-10.—"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve."—Matt. 4:10.

52. Nehemiah Repairs the Walls of Jerusalem.—Neh. 4:7-18.—"So we built the wall, for the people had a mind to work."—Neh. 4:6.

Appendix B.

This contract and agreement entered into this first day of July, 1904, by and between the Stecher Lithographic Company, party of the first part, and the Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America (incorporated), the Lutheran Publication Society (incorporated), the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio (incorporated), and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, together constituing the party of the second part, and the said parties hereinafter being designated as first party and second party respectively.

Witnesseth, That the first party agrees to lithograph for the second party and furnish f. o. b. Rochester, N. Y., securely boxed flat fifteen hundred (1,500) copies of a certain list of subjects and pictures selected out of the Old and New Testament, which list is enumerated and named on eight pages of typewritten matter hereto attached, the subjects from the Old Testa-

ment numbering fifty-two (52), and the subjects from the New Testament numbering fifty-two (52), using a strong paper, size 24x34, 100 lbs. to ream of 480 sheets, similar to sample hereto attached and made a part hereof.

The said party of the first part hereby agrees and binds itself to furnish the said second party four (4) sample copies of one of the said pictures, which said sample copies will be submitted to the various Boards of Publication of the said four bodies constituting the second party hereto, and all the pictures thereafter lithographed under this contract shall be equal in every respect to the said sample furnished, and if the samples furnished by the said first party are not to the satisfaction of the said various Publication Boards or any thereof, then the work shall be perfected until the said Publication Boards and all thereof are satisfied therewith, otherwise this contract shall be null and void.

When the said Publication Boards are satisfied with the said samples furnished to them and have determined whether they will cancel this contract at that point or will continue with it and have the said subjects and pictures lithographed, then in case it shall be determined to have all of said pictures lithographed, then the first party shall proceed and lithograph the same and issue them to the number of fifteen hundred (1,500) copies of each one of said subjects and pictures; the first thirteen (13) subjects to be the first thirteen (13) of the said list from the New Testament and they are to be lithographed and delivered in proportions hereinafter to be designated to each and every of the said second party by the first of September, 1904, and the second thirteen (13) by the first of December, 1904, and the balance to be furnished to said second party at the rate of thirteen (13) of said subjects for each sixty days thereafter until all are lithographed and furnished.

The first party hereby agrees and binds itself that the subjects and pictures shall be equal in every regard to the said four samples furnished to said second party, and in case they are not equal then the said second party is not bound to accept the subjects and pictures offered until such subjects and pictures are up to the said samples so furnished in every regard.

The first party also agrees and binds itself to use the stones or any other article necessary to produce the charts for the sole purpose of the second party, and that in no case whatsoever

will they dispose or allow the disposition of anything necessary in the manufacture of the charts to any person or persons body or bodies whatsoever other than those constituting the party of the second part hereto.

The several parties together constituting the party of the second part hereto severally agree hereby to pay their respective proportions aggregating the sum of .. .. dollars in the following proportions, to-wit:

The said the Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evengelical Lutheran Church in North America, Philadelphia 710 of 1,500 thereof.

The said The Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia, 440 of 1,500 thereof.

The said Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, 275 of 1,500 thereof.

The said The United Synod of the South 75 of 1,500 thereof.

And the said second party also agrees that whenever thirteen of the said subjects are received in the proportion above named, payment therefor will be made pro rata by each and every of the second party entering into this agreement to the first party in cash.

In witness whereof, the parties hereunto have set their hands this .. .. day of .. .., 1904.

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275 copies to be furnished without texts.

This agreement entered into this .. ..day of .. .. .. 1904, by and between the Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America (incorporated), the Lutheran Publication Society (incorporated), the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio (incorporated), and the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, and each and every of them.

Witnesseth, For that whereas the said four parties have united, agreed and bound themselves unto the Stecher Lithographic

Company, Rochester, New York, by an agreement in writing bearing even date herewith, in a joint issue of picture charts, covering a series of 104 Scriptural subjects, of which 52 are taken from the Old Testament and 52 from the New Testament, subjects and texts to be uniformly alike, 1,500 copies of each subject, for the sum of Eleven Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Two Dollars, ($11,232).

And further, they have agreed to pay the said The Stecher Lithographic Company, Rochester, New York, the sum of Eleven Thousand and Two Hundred and Thirty-Two Dollars, ($11,232) upon the delivery of said charts, as per agreement made and entered into with the aforesaid Lithographic Company in the following proportions to wit:

The said The Board of Publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, Philadelphia, 710 of 1,500 thereof

The said the Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia, 440 of 1,500 thereof.

The said Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, 275 of 1,500 thereof.

The said the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South 75 of 1,500 thereof.

Now therefore in consideration of the said contract and the obligations thereby incurred, the said parties do hereby agree to pay their pro rata share of the same at the time when the said contract between the four said parties herein before named and the Stecher Lithographic Company calls for the payment of the same; to all of which the parties hereto bind themselves and their respective Boards.

It is also expressly understood and agreed between the four bodies in this joint issue of picture charts, that a uniform selling to be mutually fixed upon hereafter shall be maintained, and that no reduction of price shall be made unless the same shall be first agreed upon in writing, by each and every of the parties joining in this joint issue of the charts.

It is also further agreed and understood, that in case any of the bodies shall run short in their supply that they then purchase their charts from the other bodies.

It is also agreed that all parties concerned be privileged to arrange the charts in the order preferred by that particular body.

In witness whereof, the said parties have hereunto set their

hands and seals the day and year first above written.

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Appendix C.—Sunday School Weekly.

Items as agreed on at Conference between Dr. Schmauk, Dr. Albert, Dr. Dunbar and Dr. Scherer.

1. Each body shall publish its own edition with its own heading of house, name of edition, business, advertisements, etc. Each Board shall keep its own list of subscribers. The expenses and profits shall be pro rata—details of printing and publishing to be determined later.

2. An Editor is to be appointed by each body, subject to an Editorial Committee, who shall have general direction. The work of the editors to be divided into quarterly periods, each editor being responsible for three months alternatively. Each Editor to have power to decide for his own edition what shall be cut out or added to his own edition.

3. Names shall not be appended to editorial articles.

4. Peculiar or controverted features of either body are to be avoided.

5. There is to be no touching on the distinctive work of the Church newspaper—Church news and the like.

6. There is to be no column specially devoted to any organized Young People's movement.

7. The quality shall be first-class in matter and make up.

8. The newspaper to appear both as a weekly and a monthly. The monthly to be the same as the first number of the weekly in each month and complete in itself. This number to be eight pages. The other numbers four pages.

9. The price of the monthly to be, single copy, per year 20 cents. 10 or more copies 15 cents per copy. 50 copies 12 cents per copy. 100 copies 10 cents per copy. Weekly, single copy per year 50 cents, 10 or more copies 45 cents. 50 or more copies 40 cents per copy.

10. The prospectus to be a single copy of paper issued six or eight weeks before the beginning of the regular weekly edition.

This was undecided: "Shall the union of effort be annocunced in the prospectus, or shall each body simply announce a new paper of its own?"

11. In the judgment of the Committee, subject to revision, the issue of the regular edition should begin about the beginning of 1901.

12. These propositions are to be submitted to the Sunday School Committees. If approved by them to be submitted to the Boards. If approved by the Boards, each Board shall appoint a Committee, who with the Editors shall meet in a joint session to complete all further arrangements, and report to the Boards for final ratification.

13. It was also agreed that hereafter, if the new line of action is a success, an Intermediate Monthly, devoted to the interests of boys and girls under 13 and 14 should be published, to be largely descriptive rather with adventure, discoveries, inventions, etc., than with stories and fiction.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 24, 1903.

On motion, the Committee on Publication Interests was instructed to nominate a committee on the Consolidation of Church papers.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Revs. Jas. A. B. B. Scherer, J. W. Horine and Hon. Jno. F. Ficken, be appointed to prepare a memoir of Rev. Karl Boldt to be incorporated in the Minutes of this Convention.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. G. Voigt.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Saturday, July 30, 1904, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order and the Committee on the Report of the Board of Missions submitted their report, which was considered and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We your Committee to which the report of the Board of Missions was committed beg leave to submit the following:

1. We recommend the adoption of the Rules and Regulations

for Home Mission Work, found on pages 9 and 10 of the report of Missions.

2. We recommend the adoption of General Rules for the Japanese Mission, found on pages 16-19 of same report with the following changes:

(a.) That for item 3 "Missionary Expenses," page 18, we read, Each married missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following schedule: First three years $800; next five $900; and afterwards to the end of service $1,200. Each married missionary shall receive an annual salary according to this scale: First five years $1,200, second five years $1,300 and afterwards to the end of service $1,400. The full salary shall commence on the day of the missionary's arriving on the field and cease on the day he leaves the field. The Board at its discretion, may in case of emergency, increase their salaries during such emergency.

(b.) That item 4 of same action be erased.

3. In regard to the trials through which our missionaries and their work are now passing we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the United Synod hereby express its most profound sympathy for our missionaries as they live and labor under the present distressing circumstances and difficulties growing out of the war, and that we assure them that we expect no more of them at the present time than they shall simply hold the ground until the war is over, when the work can be reconstructed, and that we further assure them that, in the meantime, we will take care of them fully and provide for all of their needs.

4. Upon the suggestion of the Board we recommend:

1. The election of a Missionary Superintendent or a Secretary, as the Board may decide, to give his whole attention to the Mission work of the Board and the said office shall receive such salary as the Board may decide. This office shall be located according to the direction or with the approval of the Board at some central or easily accessible place. The duties of the office shall be to conduct the missionary correspondence with Home and Foreign, to seek to increase the receipts for the work, and to give special attention to those parts of the church where little is done for the work.

2. That public appeals for money to build churches, or to pay off indebtedness on church edifices, be made only through this Board, and that no such appeals be made in our church papers without the sanction of the Board, and that all our editors refer

the applicants to this action; provided that this rule applies only to general appeals and not local appeals to congregations within given district synods.

3. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Foreign Missions the sum of $8,000.00 annually.

4. That the Board apportion and raise among the Synods belonging to this body for Home Missions the sum of $10,000 annually.

5. That the various Synods set apart two Sundays in each year —Whit-Sunday for Foreign Missions, and the second Sunday in November for Home Missions—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose, said offerings to be credited on the apportionment due the United Synod.

6. That the United Synod authorize the Board to increase the number of missionaries in Japan as soon as practicable.

5. In regard to Home Mission work we offer the following:

Resolved, That we approve the policy of the Board in concentrating its work upon large cities as important centers and in leaving rural districts, promising smaller results, to the rural district synods.

7. We submit this resolution:

Resolved, That we hereby record our high appreciation of the earnestness, fidelity, untiring energy, wise administration and frequent sacrifice of the retiring Board and express the conclusion that they have not only enlarged and strengthened the methods inherited from their predecessors but also so introduced new policies of administration as to place our Mission work upon a sounder and firmer basis than they found it.

8. We recommend that $100 be paid the retiring President of the Board for clerical services.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Fox.
M. M. Kinard.
W. C. Schaeffer.
M. L. Pence.
C. B. King.
W. H. Greever.

On motion, 500 copies of the Rules and Regulations for work, given on pages 9 and 10 of the Report of the Board of Missions, were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form for general use.

The following was adopted:

1. Resolved, That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod, upon the nomination of the officers of the district synod concerned.

2. Resolved, That if a member of the Board of Missions shall remove from one synod to another within the bounds of the United Synod, his removal shall not make his resignation necessary.

The following was adopted:

The committee to nominate Publishing Committee submitted the following nominees, who were elected:

W. L. Seabrook, R. C. Holland, G. B. Cromer, J. W. Horine, C. M. Efird.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Horine.
R. C. Holland.
W. C. Schaeffer.
W. L. Seabrook.
J. L. Deaton.
V. Y. Boozer.

The following was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE VISITORS TO OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

Your Committee to nominate visitors to the General Synod and to the General Council respectively submit the following nominations:

To the General Synod Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D., or Rev. J. H. Wilson.

To the General Council Rev. J. C. Moser, D. D., or Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,
W. K. Sligh.
W. P. Cline.
V. Y. Boozer.

The following was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee respectfully reports that no special reports or documents have been placed in its hands from which it could formulate any adequate statement on the subject committed to its consideration.

Full reports of the Missionary, Educational, Publication and other interests have been made by proper boards and committees setting forth in detail the work of the church.

We recommend that the Committee on State of the Church be stricken from the list of standing committees.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Seabrook.
W. K. Sligh.
Jas. D. Kinard.
A. W. Bowman.

It was

Resolved, That hereafter there shall be a standing Committee to be known as "No. 12, to nominate visitors to other general bodies."

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Secretary $25 for his services.

The Secretary was, on motion, instructed to have 3,500 copies of the Minutes of this Convention printed and distributed, and he was authorized to make a pro rata apportionment among the district Synods of the amount needed to pay for printing and distributing the Minutes.

Dallas, N. C., was elected as the place of next Convention of Synod; the Synod to be convened on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in July, 1906, at 4 P. M.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows:

On the occasion of the Educational address, to the Theological Seminary; on the occasion of the Missionary address to the Mission Board of the United Synod; and that due announcement be made beforehand of these offerings.

The following was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee on Literary Institutions would report:

The institutions not filing their reports with the Committee are Mt. Amoena Female Seminary and the Collegiate Institute of the North Carolina Synod, therefore we can make no report as to their attendance during the past bi-ennium. With regard to those institutions that have filed catalogues with us we would report as follows:

Roanoke College.

This institution chartered in 1853 has sent out many men into the ministry of the Church and into the service of her literary institutions and has entered upon the second half century of existence. It has a large and well equipped faculty. A handsome new building has been erected which gives ample provision in the way of recitation rooms, offices, laboratory, museum of mineralogy and geology, etc. Roanoke stands definitely for the cause of Christian education in the service of the Lutheran Church and of the world. Since the retirement of Dr. Julius D. Dreher at the close of 25 years of labor as President of the College, Dr. J .A. Morehead has succeeded him in office. The outlook for the College is very favorable and its friends are greatly encouraged. The two Synods in Virginia have begun the good work of contributing annually to its support. The College has realized from this source at least $1,000 this year. Thus has begun a new day of greater and grander usefulness for Roanoke College.

Newberry College.

Newberry College has closed a very successful year. Large classes have been in attendance. The new recitation hall erected at a cost of $20,000 and to be known as Holland Hall supplies a need which had long been resting on the College. This new building together with Keller Hall and Smetzler Hall constitutes a plant which insures comfort and convenience to the students and faculty for carrying on the work of the College. When the excellence of the scholarly and able faculty is considered and

all the advantages furnished by an adequate equipment and healthfulness of location the church is to be congratulated upon having such an institution for the higher education of its youth. Grieved by the resignation and retirement of Dr. Geo. B. Cromer the friends of Newberry College have been fully comforted by the election of the Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., under whose wise leadership they have rallied for the support and strengthening of the College.

The College is fortunate in having retained Dr. Cromer as a lecturer on Constitutional and International Law.

The prospects of Newberry College are brighter than ever before. Its opportunity to serve the church was never larger and the church should be gratified and glad that she has so capable and efficient a servant in the field of Christian education.

Lenoir College.

Lenoir College is owned and controlled by the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

The past two have been years of progress and development along all lines.

The faculty consists of eleven professors and teachers. Enrollment 230. It has co-education under the best conditions.

The three buildings, 18 acre campus, and other equipments are valued at $40,000. During the past bi-ennium a young women's dormitory has been erected and equipped at a cost of $5,000. Plans are in hand for the new dormitory for young men to cost $8,000. The Synod has assumed the indebtedness of the College. Its future is therefore now assured and bright.

Marion Female College.

This the oldest of our female schools closed its 32nd year with increased attendance in all departments.

We can only add the words of the President in his report to the United Synod, "We point with pride to consecrated and cultured Christian lives in the Church and the home, and this speaks more loudly than words of the work the institution is doing."

Her faculty number 9, with an enrollment of 109.

Gaston College.

This College located at Dallas, North Carolina, is under the efficient superintendency of Prof. S. A. Wolfe, doing thorough work in behalf of our Lutheran Church, and reports an enrollment of 149 students. The prospects of this College are full of encouragement to its friends and the church and gives promise of continued valuable service in the cause of female education.

Elizabeth College.

This institution devoted exclusively to the education of young women draws its patronage from many states and is thoroughly equipped for efficient service in the cause of higher education of women and has attained an eminence among educational institutions of the country, of which our Southern Church should be proud. The enrollment the past year was 149, faculty of 28.

These several colleges for the education of the young men and women of our church are prosecuting their respective missions with mutual respect and friendship and it is a pleasure to note the absence of all ungenerous rivalry. These schools are the chief means by which our church is known, giving it standing and character among our neighbors, and are the works by which we measure our power and progress as a church. All of our institutions are moving forward toward a higher plane of usefulness in behalf of our church and they should be remembered in our prayers and benefactions.

On Report of Visitor to Elizabeth College.

We recommend that Rev. W. H. Greever be reappointed official visitor to Elizabeth College, and that he be requested to report as fully as possible the relation of the College to the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. Marks.
V. Y. Boozer.
J. L. Deaton.
A. H. Kohn.

REPORT OF VISITOR TO ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

As your official visitor to Elizabeth College, I beg leave to submit the following as my report:

On the commencement occasion of 1903 I was present at the

College in an official capacity, and as the guest of the College. On several other occasions, since the last meeting of Synod, I have made more informal visits. In other ways I have sought information concerning the life and work of this institution. It is well known that Elizabeth College is one of the best equipped colleges for women in the South. In this respect it easily takes place in the first-class, and has few equals. Its location is almost ideal, from the geographical as well as climatic standpoint.

The faculty of the College has been strengthened from year to year, experience leading to necessary adaptations, until now the teaching force of the College is stronger and better organized than ever before. The claim that specialists have been placed at the head of all departments is substantiated by fact. Both in its curriculum, and in the faculty, it has provided, the college sustains its right to be considered as an institution of the first class, a real College.

The experimental period has been passed and the future of Elizabeth is assured.

It cannot be said truthfully, however, that the future relation of Elizabeth College to the Lutheran Church is assured. It is within the power of the Lutherans of the South to make it so, but it has not been done yet. At the present the College is a Lutheran institution, but its relation to the Lutheran Church is purely voluntary.

Elizabeth is today more of an oppartu ity for us than a possession. The Lutheran Church can never hope for a better opportunity to come into the possession of such an institution. This is a matter which deserves immediate consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Greever.

The Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

The following documents have been placed in our hands:

1. A communication from the W. C. T. U., requesting the recommendation of observing the fourth Sunday in November as the World's Temperance day.

2. The credentials of the official representative of the General Council.

3. A petition from Holy Communion congregation, Dallas, North Carolinaa, inviting the United Synod to hold its next meeting with them.

4. A letter from Rev. A. G. Voigt, resigning from the Committee on Common Book of Worship, and suggesting the name of Rev. J. W. Horine as a suitable person to serve on that committee.

5. A comunication from the Secretary of the Tennessee Synod containing a resolution of that body, requesting this body to define its position in regard to pulpit and altar fellowship.

1. We recommend that no action be taken in regard to the first document.

2. The second requires no action as the official representative of the General Council has already been received.

3. We recommend that the petition of Holy Communion congregation, Dallas, North Carolina, be considered when this body fixes the time and place of its next meeting.

4. We recommend that the resignation of Rev. A. G. Voigt, from the Committee on Common Book of Worship, be accepted, and the suggestion in regard to Rev. J. W. Horine be referred to the consideration of the President, when he appoints the members of this committee.

5. We recommend that in response to the request of the Tennessee Synod that the United Synod define its position on the subject of pulpit and altar fellowship, this body respectfully states that it is not prepared to make any declaration on the subject further than that implied in the adoption of the Common Service.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. Voigt.
Jas. D. Kinard.
J. P. Stirewalt.
W. A. Deaton.

The following Committee on Common Book of Worship was appointed:

Revs. R. C. Holland, L. A. Fox, and J. W. Horine.

The following paper on Divorce was submitted, and ordered to be printed in our Minutes for consideration at our next Convention:

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal. ,

In the perview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church cannot but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is out duty, however, as Churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to indicate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps also for wilful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living. Therefore no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God himself—that is by the death of one of the parties.

On motion, it was ordered that a donation of $2.50 be made to each of the sextons of the Churches in which our present sessions have been held.

The following Board of Publication was elected:

Revs. V. R. Stickley, C. A. Freed, W. H. Greever, S. T. Hallman, F. V. N. Painter, M. J. Epting, and Messrs. A. H. Kohn, A. G. Wise and J. W. Eargle.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Synod be extended to the Emmanuel and St. Matthew's congregations, their pastors, and the people of this community for their hospitable and delightful entertainment of delegates and visitors.

Resolved, That the President of Synod announce the same at the closing service of Synod.

The following report was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

This meeting of the United Synod has been signalized by marked attention to the subject of Church literature. Our two Church papers have been consolidated; a new Hymn book adopted; and we have joined other general bodies in the actual publication of Common Sunday School literature.

We believe that the importance of these movements can hardly be estimated; and record our desire that the literary interests of the United Synod shall be fostered and furthered in every legitimate manner. Respectfully submitted,

James. A. B. Scherer.
D. I. Offman.
B. S. Brown.
H. C. Haithcox.
Geo. B. Cromer.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to extend our thanks to the railroads for the courtesies extended to us.

The Parochial Blank reported by Committee, provided for at last Convention, was adopted.

The following notice of change in our Constitution was held for consideration at our next meeting:

Notice is hereby given that at our next meeting a motion will be made to change Art.V of the Constitution, which calls for the election of officers immediately after the reading of the President's report, so that the election will be postponed until the last session of the Synod. Paul Seig.

IN MEMORIAM.

Karl Ludwig Johannes Boldt.

October 22, 1865.

January 9, 1903.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South would hereby testify their profound gratitude to Almighty God for the privilege of companionship in Christian service with this friend who now rests from his arduous labors, while his works do follow him. Coming to this country from Germany in 1887, three years thereafter he entered upon ministerial labors within the bounds of the United Synod. From that time continuously until his death he was identified with our largest and most important interests, in Charleston and Wilmington, but especially in connection with the Theological Seminary at Mount Pleasant. His theological learning was so great that only his extreme and shrinking modesty prevented the spread of his fame throughout the entire Church in America. As it is, those who were privileged to receive his ministrations will always be the richer for having drawn from his deep treasure, while contact with his character brought spiritual blessing to all that knew him.

The last words he spoke were not his own, but the words of the Holy Gospel: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." He had made these words his own, and they form his truest epitaph. He passed from the darkness of death full into the light of eternal life, because he had walked with Christ. We thank God for his fellowship here. and pray that we may all become, with him, companions of the Heavenly way.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. B. Scherer.
John W. Horine.
John F. Ficken.

The Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned to be formally closed after the Sunday services.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Greiner.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Matthews Church.—11 A. M., Rev. Jno. E. Whitteker, D. D.; 8 P. M., Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D. Sunday School address by Hon. Geo. B. Cromer, L. L. D., at 9:30 A. M.

Emmanuel Church—11 A. M., Rev. D. B. Floyd; 8 P. M. Rev. Prof. J. W. Horine. Sunday School addresses by Messrs. A. H. Kohn, C. M. Efird, Esq., and Rev. D. I. Offman at 9:30 A. M.

Methodist Church—11 A. M., Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D.; 8 P. M., Rev. W. H. Greever. Sunday School and League addresses, morning and evening, by Rev. W. A. Lutz.

Rader's Church, Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, pastor—8:30 P. M., sermon by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.

Synod was formally closed, at St. Matthews Church, after the evening service, by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Vice-President of Synod.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Ninth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held jointly in Emmanuel and St. Matthews Churches, New Market, Va., July 27 to 31, 1904.

S. T. HALLMAN, *Secretary.*

VISITING MINISTERS.

The following visiting ministers were present during the sessions of Synod, and invited to seats as advisory members: Revs. W. A. Lutz, J. W. Strickler, P. L. Miller, S. L. Keller, Geo. S. Bowers, Chas. K. Bell, E. A. Repass, D. W. Files, Y. V. Riser, W. R. Brown, J. N. Stirewalt, J. A. Huffard, W. W. Ritchie, C. M. Fox, V. R. Stickley, J. W. Hausenfluck, G. W. McClanahan, R. L. Peterson, J. E. Whitteker, D. D., official Visitor from General Council; D. B. Floyd, official Visitor from General Synod, and Mr. Henry S. Boner, Superintendent of the Publication Society of the General Synod, and J. A. Morehead, D. D., President of Roanoke College. Also Revs. J. A. Snyder, D. D., and E. L. Wessinger, pastors of the churches in which the Synod convened.

ROLL OF MINISTERS EMBRACED IN THE UNITED SYNOD.

Name	Postoffice	Synod.
Aull, W. B.,	Lone Star, S. C.	S. C.
Austin, Jacob,	Leesville, S. C.	S. C.
Ashley, M. A.,	Shenandoah, Va.	Tenn.
Arndt, J. A.,	Rural Retreat, Va.	S. W. Va.
Baily, H. E.	Eggleston, Va.	S. W. Va.
Ballentine, S. C.,	White Rock, S. C.	S. C.
Bearden, Geo. S.,	Columbia, S. C.	S. C.
Beck, A. R.,	Mt. Jackson, Va.	Tenn.
Bedenbaugh, Z. W.,	Prosperity, S. C.	S. C.
Bell, C. K.,	Salem, Va.	S. W. Va.
Bernheim, G. D., D. D.,	Charlotte, N. C.	N. C.
Bible, Noah,	Midway, Tenn.	Hol.
Bickle, L. A., D. D.	King's Mountain, N. C.	Tenn.
Bodie, N. D.,	Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. 3.	N. C.
Boger, W. J.,	Mt. Holly, N. C.,	Tenn.
Boland, L. P.,	Graniteville, S. C.	S. C.
Boland, M. Q.,	Damascus, Va.	S. W. Va.
Boozer, V. Y.,	Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. 1.	N. C.
Boozer, C. P.	Leesville, S. C.	S. C.
Bowers, Prof. A. J., D. D.,	Newberry, S. C.	S. C.
Bowers, Geo. S.	Winchester, Va.	Va.
Brown, C. L.,	Saga, Hisen, Japan	S. W. Va.
Brown, R. L.,	Salisbury, N. C.	N. C.
Brown, H. M.,	Efird's Mills, N. C.	N. C.
Brown, B. S.,	China Grove, N. C.	N. C.
Brown, C. A.,	Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. 3	N. C.
Bowles, J. D.,	Coronaca, S. C.	S. C.
Brown, W. R.,	Rural Retreat, Va., R. F. D.,	S. W. Va.
Buck, J. L.,	Leesville, S. C. R. F. D. 4.	S. C.

Bushong, A. A. J., ... Strasburg, Va. Va.
Bushnell, J. E., D. D., ... Blacksburg, Va. S. W. Va.
Cassell, C. W., ... Graham, Va. S. W. Va.
Cline, Prof. W. P., ... Hickory, N. C. Tenn.
Cline, R. H., ... Henry, N. C. Tenn.
Condor, I., ... McGaheysville, Va. Tenn.
Conrad, E. P., ... Winston, N. C. N. C.
Counts, H. P., ... Haralson, Ga. Ga.
Cronk, E. C.,. . . . . Atlanta, Ga. Ga.
Cronk, B. W., ... Newport, Va., S. W. Va.
Cromer, J. A., ... Lexington, S. C. Tenn.
Cromer, J. L., ... Rhodhiss, N. C. Tenn.
Cox, Geo. H., D. D., ... Granite Quarry, N. C. N. C.
Cox, C. B., ... Burlington, N. C. N. C.
Currie, R. M., ... Burns, Miss. Miss.
Darr, W. L., ... Statesville, N. C. Tenn.
Deaton, W. A., ... Dallas, N. C. Tenn.
Deaton, J. L., ... Headquarters, Va. Tenn.
Deal, J. F., ... Concord, N. C., Tenn.
Derrick, P. H. E., ... Presperity, S. C. S. C.
Derrick, J. L., ... Goodman, Miss. Miss.
Dutton, W. A., ... Gold Hill, N. C., R. F. D., 2 N. C.
Efird, J. K., ... Little Mountain, S. C. S. C.
Elmore, J. S., ... Oglethorpe, Ga., Ga.
Epting, M. J., ... Savannah, Ga., Ga.
Fant, G. S., ... Betheden, Miss. Miss.
Fesperman, J. H., ... Statesville, N. C. N. C.
Fisher, C. L. T., ... Cape Charles, Va. N. C.
Fisher, Prof. J. H. C., ... Mt. Pleasant, N. C. N. C.
Fisher, C. P., ... Mt. Pleasant, N. C. N. C.
Files, D. W., ... Mt. Sidney, Va. Va.
Folk, E. L., ... Mt. Jackson, Va. Va.
Fox, L. A., D. D., ... Salem, Va. S. W. Va.
Fox, C. M., ... Wardensville, Va. Va.
Fox, D. S., ... Radford, Va. S. W. Va.

Freed, C. A., ... Columbia, C. C., S. C.
Fritz, Prof. R. L., ... Hickory, N. C., Tenn.
Fulenwider, E. . . . . Concord, N. C. N. C.
Glenn, T. A., ... Betheden, Miss. Miss.
George, J. J., ... Cherryville, N. C. Tenn.
Goodman, D. A., ... Connelly Springs, N. C. Tenn.
Graichen, J. G., ... Lexington, S. C., S. C.
Greever, Walton H., ... Columbia, S. C. S. C.
Greever, J. B., ... Moshiem, Tenn. Hol.
Greiner, J. B., D. D., ... Rural Retreat, Va., S. W. Va.
Grossman, H. C., ... Walhalla, S. C. S. C.
Grossman, M., ... Manassas, Va., Tenn.
Groseclose, D. B., ... Leesville, S. C. S. C.
Hallman, S. T., D. D., ... Newberry, S. C. S. C.
Hall, Jno., ... Norris, N. C. Tenn.
Haithcox, H. C., D. D., . . Shepherdstown, W. Va. Va.
Harr, F. M., ... Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D., 4 N. C.
Hancher, A. D. R., ... Staunton, Va. Va.
Hershberger, C. E., ... Stony Man, Va. Va.
Hausenfluck, J. W., ... Rockingham, Va. Tenn.
Holland, R. C., D. D., ... Charlotte, N. C., N. C.
Hiller, W. H., ... Concord, N. C. N. C.
Horine, Prof. J. W., ... Charleston, S. C. S. C.
Houser, Jos., ... Knoxville, Tenn. Hol.
Hubbert, W. E., ... Blacksburg, Va. S. W. Va.
Huddle, W. P., ... Madison, Va. Va.
Huffard, Jas. A., ... Luray, Va., Va.
Howorth, J. R., ... Forest, Miss Miss.
Jeffcoat, H. W., ... Rincon, Ga. Ga.
Julian, W. A., ... Lake City, Fla. Ga.
Kegley, C. W., ... Wilmington, N. C. N. C.
Keller, S. L., ... Waynesboro, Va. Va.
Kinard, M. M., Ph. D. . . . . Knoxville, Tenn. Hol.
Kinard, J. D., ... Cameron, S. C. S. C.
Ketchie, W. R., ... Kappa, N. C., N. C.

Krauth, Geo. E., ... Boston, Mass. Va.
King, Prof. Chas. B., ... Charlotte, N. C. N. C.
Koon, S. P., ... Prosperity, S. C. S. C.
Koener, Chas., D. D., ... Charleston, S. C. S. C.
Kreps, M. O. J., ... Augusta, Ga. S. C.
Lavender, G. E., ... Erin, Ga. Ga.
Leddin, P. D., ... Prices Fork, Va. S. W. Va.
Leslie, E. W., ... Salem, Va. S. W. Va.
Little, Prof, W. H., ... Hickory, N. C. Tenn.
Lindler, A. W., ... Leesville, S. C., R. F. D. 4. S. C.
Lingle, G. H. L., ... Gibsonville, N. C. N. C.
Linn, Jos. A., ... Caney Branch, Tenn. Hol.
Livingston, R. E., ... Newberry, S. C. S. C.
Lippard, C. K., ... Saga, Japan. Tenn.
Long, J. J., ... Pomaria, S. C. S. C.
Lutz, W. A., ... Prosperity, S. C. S. C.
Lybrand, E. L., M. D., . . New Brookland, S. C. Tenn.
Mahood, J. A., ... Ceres, Va. S. W. Va.
Marks, C. A., ... Richmond, Va. Va.
Mathias, H. J., ... Lincolnton, N. C. Tenn.
Miller, Peter, ... Rio, W. Va. Va.
Miller, L. G. M., D. D., ... Roanoke, Va. S. W. Va.
Miller, O. C., ... Luzon, P. I. 13th U. S. Cav. S. W. Va.
Miller, Prof. J. C., ... Knoxville, Tenn. Hol.
Miller, J. P., ... Orangeburg, S. C. S. C.
Miller, C. L., ... Salisbury, N. C. N. C.
Miller, Chas. B., ... China Grove, N. C., N. C.
Monroe, P. E., ... Ehrhardt, S. C. S. C.
McClanahan, W. G., ... Salem, V., S. W. Va.
McCullough, Prof. H. A., . . Mt. Pleasant, N. C. N. C.
Morehead, J. A., D. D., ... Salem, Va. Va.
Moser, J. C., D. D., ... Hickory, N. C. Tenn.
Morgan, J. L., ... Enochville, N. C. N. C.
Morgan, C. I., ... Gastonia, N. C. Tenn.

Mueller, W. A. C., ... Charleston, S. C. S. C.
Murphy, J. N., ... Betheden, Miss. Miss.
Nease, S. L., ... Selwood, S. C. S. C.
Nease, J. W., ... Plains, Ga. Ga.
Offman, Prof. D. I., ... China Grove, N. C., Tenn.
Obenshain, J. P., ... Salem, Va. S. W. Va.
Oney, W. B., ... Bridgewater, Va. Va.
Painter, Prof. F. V. N., D. D., . . . Salem, Va. S. W. Va.
Parker, E. P., ... Gibsonville, N. C. N. C.
Parker, T. C., ... Concord, N. C., N. C.
Pence, M. L., ... Tom's Brook, Va. Tenn.
Peery, R. B., Ph. D., ... Graham, Va. Va.
Peterson, O. C., ... Morristown, Tenn. Hol.
Phillippi, A., D. D., ... Wytheville, Va., S. W. Va.
Phillips, Chas. A., ... Marlow, Ga. Ga.
Pless, C. R., ... Copal Grove, N. C., N. C.
Price, J. P., ... Lincolnton, N. C. Tenn.
Rahn, S. S., D. D., ... Jacksonville, Fla. Ga.
Ridenhour, V. C., ... Troutman, N. C., N. C.
Riser, W. H., ... Norfolk, Va. Va.
Riser, Y. von A., ... Waynesboro, Va. Va.
Repass, E. A., ... Middlebrook, Va. Va.
Risinger, P. D., ... Johnston, S. C. S. C.
Ritchie, W. W. J., ... Middlebrook, Va. Va.
Roof, W. H. . . . . Gilbert, S. C., Tenn.
Roof, F. K., ... Newton, N. C. Tenn.
Sachs, Prof. E. J., ... Hickory, N. C. Tenn.
Seabrook, W. L., ... Newberry, S. C. S. C.
Shearouse, O. B., ... Chapin, S. C. Tenn.
Schaeffer, W. C., D. D., ... Savannah, Ga. Ga.
Schaeffer, W. C., Jr., ... Savannah, Ga. Ga.
Sieg, Paul, ... Bristol, Tenn, S. W. Va.
Schaid, J. G., ... Walhalla, S. C. S. C.
Scherer, Prof, M. G. G., D. D. . . Charleston, S. C. S. C.
Scherer, Prof. J. A. B., Ph. D., . . Newberry, S. C. S. C.

Scherer, Prof. J. J., D. D., ... Marion, Va. S. W. Va.
Scherer, L. P., ... Washington, D. C. S. W. Va.
Schaeffer, G. F., ... Spartanburg, S. C. N. C.
Schreckhise, J. M., ... Raphine, Va. Va.
Shealy, J. D., ... Leesville, S. C. S. C.
Shealy, T. W., ... Pax, Ga. Ga.
Schumpert, S. P., ... Barre, S. C. S. C.
Steck, J., D. D., ... Walhalla, S. C. S. C.
Settlemyre, D. J., ... Newton, N. C. Tenn.
Sloop, H. E. H., ... Lingle, Miss, Miss.
Sox, D. A., ... Carrollton, Ga. Ga.
Shenk, E. A., ... Newport News, Va. Va.
Shenk, J. E., ... Woodstock, Va. Va.
Sowers, R. R., ... Burlington, N. C. N. C.
Steffey, S. D., ... Acadia, Tenn. Hol.
Stirewalt, J. N., ... Luray, Va. Tenn.
Stirewalt, J. Paul, ... New Market, Va. Tenn.
Stewart, J. E., ... Betheden, Miss. Miss.
Studebaker, E., ... Baltimore, Md. S. W. Va.
Simpson, J. B., ... Kosiusko, Miss. Miss.
Sloup, J. B., ... Fitzgerald, Ga. Ga.
Strohecker, T. H., ... Salem, Va. N. C.
Sligh, J. A., ... Slighs, S. C. S. C.
Sligh, W. K., ... Newberry, S. C. S. C.
Scheele, H. F., ... Staunton, Va. Va.
Shuey, Geo. E., ... Harrisonburg, Va. Va.
Shuey, J. W., ... Lexington, Va., R. F. D. 1, Va.
Snyder, J. A., D. D., ... New Market, Va. Va.
Snyder, W. A., ... Wilmington, N. C. N. C.
Smith, L. L., D. D., ... Strasburg, Va. Va.
Smith, W. J., ... Bloom, Va. Va.
Smith, A. M., ... Stephenson, Va. Va.
Strickler, J. W., ... Stephen's City, Va. Va.
Stickley, V. R., ... Jadwyn, Va. Va.

Trexler, H. A.,	Manning, N. C.	N. C.
Taylor, A. R.,	Irene, S. C.	S. C.
Umbarger, K. Y.,	Wytheville, Va.	S. W. Va.
Upchurch, M. W.,	Betheden, Miss.	Miss.
Voigt, Prof. A. G., D. D.,	Mt. Pleasant, S. C.	S. C.
Wade, P. J.,	Lexington, N. C.	N. C.
Weltner, C. E.,	Augusta, Ga.	S. C.
Wertz, J. Q.,	China Grove, N. C.	N. C.
Wessinger, E. L.,	New Market, Va.	Tenn.
Wessinger, J. C.,	Knoxville, Tenn.	Tenn.
Wessinger, B. D.,	Rightwell, S. C.	S. C.
Wike, Jacob,	Edith, N. C.	Tenn.
Witt, E. C.,	Mason, Fla.	Ga.
Wilson, J. H.,	Salisbury, N. C.	N. C.
Wyse, Jno. H.,	Burk's Garden, Va.	S. W. Va.
Wolford, W. G.,	Lyceum, Tenn.	Hol.
Yoder, R. A., D. D.,	Newton, N. C.	Tenn.
Youngblood, W. S.,	Mortan, Miss.	Miss.
Yount, J. A.,	Conover, N. C.	Tenn.

TOTAL—222.

Note—The Secretary will appreciate all necessary corrections, that this roll may be accurrate.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1904-'06.

NAME OF SYNOD.	PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.								ACCESSIONS.						LOSSES.		
	Date of Organization.	Number of Ministers.	Number of Congregations.	Number of Stations.	Enrolled Membership.	Baptized Children Not Confirmed.	Catechumens, Not Confirmed.	Students for the Ministry.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations	Transfers from Lutheran Congregations.	Transfers from other Denominations	Restorations.	Deaths.	Transfers.	Exclusions.
Virginia	1829	...	64	17	6093	562	137	7	118	104	99	43	20	8	30	72	..
Tennessee	1820	...	62	4	8529	2963	666	13	449	69	379	147	58	6	118	147	5
South Carolina	1824	..	67	9	9889	....	.....	4	396	46	396	183	27	...	156	153	..
Mississippi	1855	...	15	...	720	.....	.....	...	12	9	11	7	.....	...	7	2	...
Southwestern Virginia	1842	...	63	20	4566	.....	.....	...	112	91	81	55	15	...	63	47	1
Georgia	1860	...	21	...	2995	.....	133	...	94	19	102	....	.....	..	33	.....	...
Holston	1861	...	25	1	1480	332	8	1	57	22	105	6	1	..	31	10	..
North Carolina	1803	...	35	2	8167	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	..
Total	.....	..	352	53	42439	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	..

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FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCH PROPERTY.				LOCAL EXPENDITURE BY CONGREGATIONS															
Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness on Church Property.	Paid on Pastor's Salary.	Paid on Church, Parsonage and School Properties.	For all other local expenditures.	Orphan home—money and value of gifts.	Church Extension.	Theological Seminary.	Colleges.	Beneficiary Education.	Synodical and Conference Home Missions.	UNITED SYNOD Home Missions of United Synod	UNITED SYNOD Foreign Missions United Synod	Aged Ministers and Ministers' Widows	Synodical Fund.	Total local and general contributions.				
222075	9339	6829	4509	4803	692	94	126	80	118	367	1432	1506	136	346	$ 4391				
236900	4282	14152	39237	3898	421	110	187	191	519	509	298	360	541	5305					
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STATISTICS OF SOCIETIES

SUNDAY SCHOOLS					Young People's So.			Wom's Miss'y Soc'i's			Child's Miss'y So's		GRAND TOTAL
Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Am't paid for support of schools and local objects.	Am't contributed to schools for gen'l benefcence.	Number of organizations.	Number of members.	Contributions for local objects.	Contributions for general benefcence.	Number of organizations	Number of members.	Contributions for Missions, Home and Foreign.	Number of organizations.	Number of members.	Contributions for missions.	
47	589	3791	$ 3256	1086	12	207	282	111	15	257	451	1	25	7	37614
49	710	6037	1980	154	2	130	29	1	35	1125	1316	16	656	214	37102
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5	29	190	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
41	356	2734	964	111	6	269	105	219	20	378	662	11	408	212	12348
16	193	1658	729	1412	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15100
8	83	535	232	87	4	120	108	6	2	20	46	1	13	126	292
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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time—Tuesday before the second Sunday in October, 1908, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Place—Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

UNITED SYNOD

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, N. C., on Tuesday, July 10, 1906, at 3 p. m., and began the exercises of its tenth regular session.

The altar service was conducted by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., after which the Synodical Sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., retiring President, from Luke 9 : 51.

The holy communion was then administered to the members of Synod. Confessional and Communion service conducted by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

The Synod was then formally opened, and the delegates were duly enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. R. C. Holland, D. D., Geo. H. Cox, D. D., C. B. King, D. D., J. E. Shenk, N. D. Bodie, J. H. Wilson, D. D., A. G. Voigt, D. D., W. A. Snyder, and Edw. Fulenwider.

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*Absent.

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Lay.—Messrs. J. Frank Clemmer, D. P. Paul, G. M. Beltzhoover,* N. F. Snarr, J. E. Cooper,* and S. T. Shank.

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Clerical.—Revs. J. B. Greiner, D. D., L. A. Fox, D. D., J. J. Scherer, D. D., W. R. Brown, and Paul Sieg.

Lay.—Messrs. R. W. Kime,* Dr. E. W. Peery,* J. W. Scott, H. L. Bonham, and S. Sidney Cassell.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical.—Rev. J. L. Derrick.

Lay.—Mr. R. J. Beaver.*

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., T. W. Shealy, and M. J. Epting.

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* Absent.

Lay.—Messrs. Chas. H. Stieglitz,* Capt. Jacob Paulsen,* and J. M. Gnann.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., and H. E. H. Sloop.

Lay.—Messrs. J. M. Lichtenwanger and J. M. Kinzer.

The President read his report, which was received and held for reference to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren in Christ:—Through the mercy of our kind Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to meet here today in the tenth convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, to confer with each other concerning the work in which we are engaged in the Master's kingdom. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

It is a matter of profound gratitude to note the progress that our Southern Lutheran Church has made in the past few years. Since my first meeting with the United Synod in Winston-Salem, May, 1900, the Century Memorial Endowment has been inaugurated and pushed to completion and $30,000 raised and the Seminary property vastly improved and enhanced in value. Within these six years, the Orphans' Home has become the property of the United Synod and the debt on the property of about $16,000 has been nearly raised and quite recently a bequest of $10,000 for support of the Home has been received.

Within the same period, the Woman's Forward Movement and the Mission League have done much to relieve the condition of the Treasury of the Board of Missions and enabled the Board to send other helpers to Japan and to build a splendid church in Atlanta and to do much at other points at home.

Within the same six years, Roanoke, Newberry, Lenoir and Elizabeth colleges have all added new buildings, increased the endowments, and greatly increased the attendance.

Within this period, *The Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper* have been merged into *The Lutheran Church Visitor*, the official organ of the United Synod and the publication interests of the Southern Church much improved.

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*Absent.

Within this period, the lack of confidence and the feeling of uncertainty and apprehension as to what question might at any moment be precipitated upon the Synod and cause its disruption and the suspicion of sinister motives in others, have largely given way to confidence and frankness and mutual forbearance.

At Winston-Salem the Synod took a very decided forward movement. At Charleston that movement was accelerated and at New Market we launched out into the deep, and the large undertakings inaugurated at New Market have nearly all been consummated. While we have moved forward, yet much lies before us. But with these recent achievements behind us we can, with Paul, thank God and take courage.

While the Century Endowment has been raised, our Theological Seminary needs yet very much to place it in the position it should occupy in the development of the Southern Lutheran Church. It needs more funds, more teachers, more students. It needs many more devoted supporters in all our Southern Synods. The Theological Seminary should receive considerable attention at this meeting. Other interests should not overshadow this one, vital to our continued progress.

A GIFT OF $10,000.

It is with peculiar pleasure that I announce officially to the United Synod that a bequest of $10,000 has been made to the United Synod and that the Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Duls, has received a check for that amount from the executrix of Mr. F. P. Cover. Nine thousand dollars of this amount is to be held in trust for the Orphans' Home, and the interest to be used in support of the institution.

While the Board of Missions has been vastly helped by the efforts of the women of our Southern Church and by the League, and much has been accomplished at home and in Japan, yet the message from our Japan Conference to the United Synod shows us very much that we ought to do at once in Japan. A good Lutheran school should be established in Japan. Our missionaries there in the field who know the conditions and needs say there is but one course left for us, and that is to shoulder the responsibility that God has placed upon us, and establish a school. Are we ready to meet these responsibilities? To "set our faces steadfastly" toward our duty there? That matter should receive serious consideration.

And while the Board has been active along the line of Home Missions, we are yet far from occupying the field. This Southland, with its amazing prosperity, opening up to immigration, is a vast field and growing larger and more urgent day by day.

COLLEGES NEED BETTER SUPPORT.

While the colleges have been doing a great work and adding to their buildings and endowments, and have enjoyed increased patronage, yet they need more friends and supporters and means to enable them to compete successfully with the better equipped State school. Positive Lutheran colleges must be maintained and our Lutheran people who have the means must support and endow them, if we are to maintain our Lutheranism in the South.

While the Church papers have been merged into one and that one has been made the official organ of the United Synod, *The Lutheran Church Visitor* has not received the support it needs and must have in order to maintain its character and usefulness to the Church. This matter should receive very earnest consideration. And while it is true that much of the former want of confidence, uncertainty, and suspicion has given way to a broader and more generous feeling of brotherhood, it is yet true that some prejudice and a feeling of apprehension exists between the different Synods. This remnant of former unpleasant conditions will gradually and finally disappear as we all come to appreciate more and more our Confessions and conform more strictly to their teaching in doctrine and practice and as we labor and pray for a broader faith and deeper love, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God." This is the great ideal toward which the Christian Church should aim.

I herewith submit to you all letters and papers of an official character for your consideration and disposition.

And again I desire to express to you my thanks for the honor conferred upon me at Charleston four years ago, repeated at New Market two years ago, in calling me to preside over this body, and for the uniform courtesy extended to me at all times by every member of this body. And may we all, "speaking the truth in love, grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

Fraternally,

R. A. YODER.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., President.
Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., Vice-President.
Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Secretary.
Hon. C. H. Duls, Treasurer.

The hours of daily sessions were fixed from 9 to 12 a. m., and from 3 to 5 p. m., with evening services at 8:30 p. m.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. E. Shenk.

At 8:30 p. m., address by Rev. Henry Eyster Jacobs, D. D., LL. D., of Philadelphia. Subject—"The Claim Upon the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Behalf of the World's Evangelization."

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1906, 9 A. M.

Synod was opened with devotional services, led by Rev. W. H. Riser.

Roll was called, and minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The Rules of Order were read by the Secretary.

OFFICIAL VISITOR.

The credentials of the Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D., official visitor from the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, were read, and Dr. Jacobs was, on motion, received. Thursday at 8:30 p. m. was fixed as the time to hear the greetings of representatives of other ecclesiastical bodies.

Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., field agent of the American Bible Society, was recognized, and will, at such time as Synod may designate, address this body on the subject of Bible distribution.

On motion, the visiting ministers of our church present were received, and the names ordered printed in our Minutes.

The following standing committees were appointed:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. J. B. Greiner, D. D., J. E. Shenk, J. L. Derrick, G. S. Bowers, and Messrs. Elon O. Henkel and J. M. Gnann.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod.*—Revs. M. O. J. Kreps, E. L. Wessinger, W. R. Brown, and Messrs. J. C. Seegers and N. F. Snarr.

3. *On District Synods.*—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., J. A. Morehead, D. D., A. R. Beck, and Dr. J. W. Eargle.

4. *On Devotional Exercises.*—The pastor loci and the officers of Synod.

5. *On Theological Seminary.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., J. H. Wilson, D. D., J. A. Cromer, and Messrs. A. D. Wessell and J. F. Clemmer.

6. *On Literary Institutions.*—Revs. Dr. M. M. Kinard, E. H. Kohn, Dr. M. G. G. Scherer, W. J. Smith, and R. W. Kime, Esq.

7. *On Missions.*—Revs. L. L. Smith, D. D., George H. Cox, D. D., J. C. Moser, D. D., J. A. B. Scherer, LL. D., J. J. Scherer, D. D., and Messrs. J. F. Ficken and George B. Cromer.

8. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. R. F. Bryant, S. Sidney Cassell, and J. M. Rhodes.

9. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. C. A. Marks, N. D. Bodie, O. B. Shearouse, Paul Sieg.

10. *On Church Literature.*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, D. D., C. B. King, D. D., W. H. Greever, J. P. Stirewalt, and Mr. A. G. Wise.

11. *To Nominate Visitors to Other Bodies.*—Revs. C. A. Freed, B. D. Wessinger, and Mr. J. W. Jenny.

The Report of the Board of Missions was now read, and referred to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH, JULY, 1904, TO JULY, 1906.

The Board as constituted by the United Synod in its Ninth Convention, held at New Market, July 27–31, 1904, was composed as follows: Rev. Messrs. R. C. Holland, W. L. Seabrook, L. G. M. Miller, H. E. H. Sloop, W. C. Schaeffer, S. D. Steffey, W. A. Deaton, and Mr. J. E. Cooper, representing the eight synods embraced in the United Synod.

The first meeting of the Board was held in New Market, July 30, 1904, and was partially organized by the election of Rev. R. C. Holland as president, and Rev. W. L. Seabrook as secretary. Mr. J. W. Eberly, the former treasurer, was requested to act in that capacity until his successor should be duly elected. During the biennium the Board has held four meetings, and the Executive Committee, composed of the officers of the Board, together with Rev. W. A. Deaton and Mr. J. E. Cooper, has held three meetings.

At a meeting of the Board, held in Charlotte, N. C., August 31, 1904, Mr. John A. Cline, of Concord, N. C., was elected treasurer, and made an advisory member of the Executive Committee. At a subsequent date the name of Rev. O. C. Petersen, as the elected representative of the Holston Synod, was substituted for that of Rev. S. D. Steffey on the Board.

The biennium now closing has been singularly free from any interference in the work of missions at home and in Japan by reason of sickness among our working forces, and has been characterized by faithful and diligent service by the appointees of the Board.

The biennium has also been marked by unusual activity in several of our synods in the prosecution of Synodical Home Missions. Our college work has aroused a commendable interest among our people. The agency in behalf of the Orphan Home has met with responsive loyalty on the part of the churches. The zeal and church devotion which resulted in the consolidation of our church papers, and which have conspired toward placing our publication interests upon a sounder basis, have met with commendable response in all our synods. The women of the church have added their zeal in earnest appeals in behalf of the $20,000 Woman's Forward Movement, and have created quite an interest in its behalf. All of these movements have a bearing more or less upon the general work of missions under the direction of the Board of Missions; and while it is possible that the United Synod Home Missions may have felt the pressure to a limited extent, the foreign work has largely gained upon the interest and devotion of the

churches, and we believe the church may be relied upon to meet the increasing demands that are made in behalf of the cause in Japan.

THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

Past experience was a warning against a too implicit reliance upon realizing the full apportionment for either Home or Foreign Missions. The going into debt or the curtailment of the work should be equally avoided. The conditions confronting the church seemed to call for certain special agencies to secure the funds needed. One of these agencies developed in the form of

THE LUTHERAN MISSION LEAGUE OF THE SOUTH.

This movement was projected, under the sanction of the Board of Missions, Holy Week, 1905, the idea originating in a proposition from among the laity to give a definite sum annually provided a certain number would do likewise. In response to this progressive spirit so worthy to be fostered, this Mission League was devised and matured. Membership consists in a pledge to pay annually to the Board of Missions for either Home or Foreign Missions, or both, a sum of not less than from five to twenty-five dollars, payable on the 31st of October of each year.

The paramount reason for special form of mission activity was the absolute necessity of providing income additional to the customary returns from the churches on apportionments, in order to meet the obligations of the United Synod both as to the Japan mission and the home field.

It is a matter of congratulation and joy that there have been found in our churches so many who thus rallied to the support of the Board as annual patrons of the missionary cause, and that the enrollment in the League has reached to the number of 434, the annual pledges amounting to $2683.

This League has aided largely towards substantial relief of the situation, especially in our relation to the Japan work, enabling the church to send out Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, our new missionary, to meet the increasing expenses of the mission, and also to return Rev. C. L. Brown on furlough, without special call upon the churches.

The agency and success of Bro. Stirewalt during the summer of 1905 in enrolling members in this League, especially among the churches of the Tennessee Synod, calls for grateful recognition, and the successful issue is due in no small measure to his faithful service and consecrated zeal.

It is the earnest desire and cherished hope of the Board to maintain the League membership at a minimum of five hundred, and to have a

representation from every congregation in the United Synod. To this end we ask the United Synod to give its hearty endorsement to this measure as a valuable supplement to methods already authorized.

THE WOMAN'S FORWARD MOVEMENT.

This movement, sometimes designated as the "Woman's $20,000 Movement," originated among the women of the South, independent of any action of the Board of Missions. Having been heartily endorsed by the United Synod at its convention in New Market, the Board has pledged its co-operation. The purpose of the women is to continue their efforts in this direction until the $20,000 has been raised—a purpose truly commendable. The fund thus raised is devoted to missions exclusively.

The amount raised through this movement now aggregates $———* Of this amount $3865.36 is now in the hands of the treasurer of the Board of Missions, and held by him for the contemplated school building to be erected in Japan—a work declared to be absolutely essential to the welfare of the mission. The residue of the fund has been devoted to local Synodical Missions.

These funds are expressly declared to be independent of apportionment by either the United Synod or District Synod, and are supposed to represent mission contributions over and above the usual synodical appropriations.

MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

The recommendation of the United Synod at its last convention that the Board elect a missionary superintendent to devote his whole time to the work of the Board, was duly considered and acted upon. The President of the Board was elected to this office at a full meeting of the Board, Sept. 28, 1905. On the 19th of October, Dr. Holland informed the Secretary of the Board of his acceptance of the office, provided the Board would consent to his remaining as pastor of St. Mark's, Charlotte, N. C., devoting as much time as possible to the claims of the office, the compensation covering the expenses incurred in procuring an assistant pastor and those necessarily incident to resignation of certain other work he had assumed. These expenses were fixed at $800.

Inasmuch as such arrangement promised as much liberty of movement as the exigencies of the work seemed to require, the Board acquiesced in the proposition thus made, and the proposed assistant pastor having been procured to enter upon duty Nov. 1, 1905, the office of Missionary Superintendent took effect at that date.

*Figures not in hand.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

GIFT OF DR. AND MRS. G. D. BERNHEIM.

On the first day of April, 1906, the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod came into possession of $1,000, one-half of proposed gift of $2,000 from Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim (articles of transfer being duly executed) to said Board, to be the property of the Board *in perpetuo*, the only condition annexed being that interest on the same at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum be paid to the donors or either of them so long as they or either of them may live.

The Board has accepted this gift and trust, pledging to pay said interest on the first day of April of each year according to the terms of the grant.

It is the opinion of the Board that this $2,000 be set apart as the beginning of a Church Extension Fund, and at the proper place we make recommendation accordingly.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

These societies represent no little of the heart of the missionary cause in the South. They represent no small part of the practical missionary force in our churches. While they are called upon to aid largely in local synodical work, they still show commendable loyalty to the general missionary cause. The salary of one of our foreign missionaries is paid by them, and half as much is paid directly into the Home Mission treasury of the Board. Certain local Societies and Mission Bands are supporting native workers in Japan, and the Woman's Synodical Society of South Carolina has assumed to support the Kindergarten Mission in Saga. Over and above these contributions, the women of our Southern church have, through the Forward Movement, placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board during the last two years the sum of $3,865.36 in behalf of the educational department of the Japan Mission. It seems to be their fixed and laudable purpose to add to this from year to year till they have reached the $10,000 contemplated for this object.

These noble workers deserve honorable mention at our hands, and we recognize the substantial help extended.

Yet we are convinced that they have suffered under the apprehension that their efforts do not always issue in the progress the amounts raised by them should indicate. They would work with lighter hearts if they knew that all their contributions were separated entirely from mission apportionments. To realize that their efforts to advance the cause is counterbalanced by being counted toward meeting the meager congregational or synodical apportionment, is operating a damper

upon their ardor. Not only so, but to count their offerings to the credit of a congregation in the way of meeting apportionment fosters a non-progressive development of the missionary spirit in the congregation itself. The high ideal of women's missionary work in the form assumed will not be attained until it represents progress, and is entirely emancipated from the danger of being subsidized to meet congregational delinquency. The time is at hand when the churches can not but see the unwisdom of perpetuating a method, legitimate possibly in the beginning twenty years ago, but having become a usage, operates a paralysis upon the congregation, and also a limitation upon the zeal of the women whose missionary spirit is content only with advancement.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MISSION WORK OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

The former Board of Missions has rendered valuable service to the church in framing rules for the government of our Foreign work—the same being adopted with a few modifications by the United Synod. We deem it proper to present the same here in full, and also certain rules for the regulation of our Home Mission work, and also certain church Extension Rules, the last named being the same as presented two years ago, several amendments, however, being suggested as noted.

GENERAL RULES FOR THE JAPANESE MISSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

1.—NAME.

The Japanese Mission of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2.—AIM.

As the supreme end of missionary life and service is the preaching of Christ and Him crucified to heathen peoples, all forms of work in the Mission must be subordinated to this end. The missionaries are charged to bear the Gospel faithfully to the communities in which they are located and to seek the establishment of self-supporting, self-governing Evangelical Lutheran churches under the care of a native ministry. The missionaries must constantly encourage the native Christians in the matter of the religious education of their children, the support of their native preachers and teachers, the defraying of the current expenses of their churches and the relief of their needy brethren.

3.—THE MISSIONARIES.

The United Synod through its Board of Missions calls the mission-

aries, assigns their fields of labor, and prescribes their duties. The missionaries are required to be sound in body, of deep piety, liberal culture and of sympathetic and consecrated spirit. They shall pledge themselves to live according to the precepts of the Gospel and to teach in accordance with the doctrinal basis of the United Synod ; to be subject to the instructions of the Board in their respective fields of service ; to live and labor in fraternal relations to each other and to refrain from conduct which will awaken undue prejudice or interfere with their usefulness in the communities in which they minister.

In selecting missionaries the Board understands that candidates pledge themselves to continue the work through life, except for weighty reasons. If the missionary should prove untrue to the doctrinal basis aforesaid or defective in moral character, or disobedient to instructions, or for other reasons prove unqualified for the pursuance of his work, the Board possesses the inherent right to dissolve the connection. In the event the missionary withdraws from service for reasons considered sufficient by the Board, it will defray the expenses of his return to this country, provided the return is promptly made.

The whole time and strength of the missionaries shall be given to the work of the Mission. Additional work of an industrial, mercantile or literary character must not be undertaken without the permission of the Board.

RECALLS.

If the missionary should prove physically disqualified for the work or cannot work harmoniously with his associates, or should it appear that his usefulness on the field is open to serious question for other reasons, the Board possesses the inherent right to dissolve the connection by recall. In this event, the Board will pay the expenses of the missionary's return by the most direct route to that section of this country from which the missionary came, provided such return is promptly made, and will also pay furlough salary without other allowances for three months from the date of the issuance of the recall.

DISMISSALS.

If the missionary should prove untrue to the doctrinal basis aforesaid, or defective in moral character, or disobedient to plain instructions, the Board possesses the inherent right to dismiss him from its service. In this event, the Board may pay the expenses of the missionary's return by the most direct route to that section of this country from which the missionary came, provided such return is promptly made ; but all salaries and allowances will cease from the date of dismissal.

RESIGNATIONS.

The Board will pay the return expenses of missionaries who resign on the field for reasons satisfactory to the Board, and will also pay furlough salary for three months from the date of such resignation. Should the missionary resign for reasons not satisfactory to the Board, it will pay the return expenses on same conditions as in dismissal, and salary and allowances will also cease from date of resignation. The salary of missionaries who resign while on furlough will cease from the date of such resignation, unless it can be clearly shown to the Board that such resignation grew out of contingencies which the missionary had not aforeseen and could not control. In this event the Board may, at its pleasure, continue the furlough salary for any period not longer than three months from the date of such resignation.

PROPERTY.

No property is to be purchased or sold nor any building erected for the Board without its sanction. All property given or purchased for the use of the Board shall be at once transferred thereto by title deeds which shall be duly recorded in accordance with the laws governing property in the mission territory. If the law will not allow such tenure, the property shall be held in the corporate name of the Board. If recorded in the name of individuals the record should explicitly show that the individuals are trustees for the Board. Copies of all conveyances with diagrams of land and buildings thereon are to be sent to the Board. No repairs to property involving considerable sums are to be made without the consent of the Board.

TAXES AND INSURANCE.

1. All buildings owned by the Board shall be insured, when it can be done at a reasonable rate in safe companies.

2. The Board will pay taxes and insurance on its own property while occupied by missionaries or on the property rented for its use, if that is customary ; and will make such repairs to rented property as renters generally make ; but will expect owners of rented property to make such repairs as are generally made by owners.

EXTENSION OF WORK.

Extension of work requiring expenditures for property or the opening up of new centres for missionary operation should have the authorization of the Board. Written application with the concurrence and recommendation of all the missionaries should be forwarded to the Board for its action.

REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of the missionaries to make to the Board a quarterly report on uniform blanks. The report shall cover the special work and station of the reporting missionary.

MISSIONARY EXPENSES AND SALARY.

1. The necessary and economical expenses of direct journey to their fields shall be paid by the treasurer of the Board. Any additional cost of longer or more expensive routes or of intentional delay on the way, must be borne by the missionary.

2. Each missionary shall receive $100 as outfit on first going to the mission.

3. Each unmarried missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following schedule: First three years, $800; next five, $900; and afterwards to the end of service, $1,200. Each married missionary shall receive an annual salary according to this scale: First five years, $1,200; second five years, $1,300; and afterwards to the end of service, $1,400. The full salary shall commence on the day of the missionary's arriving on the field and cease on the day he leaves the field. The Board, at its discretion, may in case of emergency, increase their salaries during such emergency.

4. Missionaries are not permitted to receive for themselves compensation for services rendered to others. Any compensation or reward received for such services shall be paid into the Mission treasury, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Moneys given or sent to any missionary for the use of the Mission must be entered in the Mission accounts.

5. The salary above stated is designed to cover all expenses of the missionary and family except these special allowances:

(a) A dwelling for the missionary and family, with heavy furniture.

(b) The sum of $75 yearly for teacher's allowance, and $25 for health allowance while on the field.

(c) Actual traveling expenses whilst in the service in the field or whilst visiting the churches under the direction of the Board, on furlough.

(d) Official postage.

VACATION AND FURLOUGH.

1. If the condition of the work will permit, each missionary is entitled to a vacation during the warm period of each year for six weeks on full salary.

2. If the condition of the work will permit, each missionary is entitled to return home after the first eight years of service. The ex-

penses of the direct voyage shall be paid by the mission treasurer. The length of the furlough shall be determined by the Board with regard to the physical condition of the missionary and the needs of the work, and ordinarily, the furlough to extend not more than one year. During such furlough the missionary shall be entitled to receive three-fourths of his regular salary. The furlough salary shall begin on the day of the missionary's arrival in the home-land from the field and shall end on the day of his departure to return. No allowance for house rent shall be made, except at the discretion of the Board.

3. Missionaries are expected whilst on furlough to avail themselves of all reasonable opportunities under the direction of the Board to increase the zeal and interest of individuals and organizations in their mission work. Such service must not interfere, however, with due care of health and with their recuperation for their return to the field.

MISSION TREASURER.

The Mission shall elect one of its members treasurer, the election to be reported to the Board and subject to its approval. It shall be his duty to preserve all deeds for Mission property and all other papers connected with the work; to keep in an official book clear and accurate accounts of all receipts and payments with vouchers therefor, and to disburse the funds transmitted to him by the Board. He shall deposit these funds in an approved banking place and render a monthly statement of all financial transactions.

RULES FOR HOME MISSION WORK.

SALARY FUND.

1. The object of the Board of Missions is to aid only such church and mission fields as are unable to support a pastor. Aid granted to any church will be withdrawn, if it becomes known to the Board that it is able to support its pastor without assistance.

2. Aid will be given only to churches in regular and full connection with a District Synod of the United Synod.

3. *Any congregation receiving aid from this Board, and afterward severing its connection with the United Synod, will be required to refund the full amount received from the Board.*

4. Appropriations will be limited to the lowest amount necessary to supplement the salary which the mission itself is able to pay.

5. Appropriations will not be made for more than *one year* at a time. If further aid is needed at the expiration of this period, a new application is required, and should always be asked for when the October report is sent in.

6. Applications must be made by the Church Council, by authority of the congregation ; or if no organization exists, by some one chosen by those purposing to form an organization.

7. Churches receiving aid are required to pay their pastor's salary in the manner stipulated promptly, and in case they fail to do so the Board may withhold its appropriation.

8. *Aid will not be extended to any Church longer than five years, unless for very special reasons, which will, in the judgment of the Board, justify its longer continuance; and, in all such cases, the appropriation will be less than previously given, and will be reduced annually thereafter.*

9. The Board will in no case commission a missionary who is not a regularly ordained Lutheran minister, in good and regular standing in a District Synod of the United Synod, and who has not been regularly elected.

10. In case any mission becomes vacant, the fact should be at once reported to the Board, and no steps must be taken toward the choice and election of a pastor without first corresponding with the Board and obtaining their full consent.

11. Every mission receiving aid from this Board is expected to make regular annual contributions to Home Missions, and, also, to each of the other benevolent operations of the United Synod ; and the Board will regard the failure to do this, without satisfactory reasons, a sufficient cause for withdrawing aid.

12. Monthly reports, in form prescribed by Board on blank provided, shall be rendered to the President of the Board.

RULES GOVERNING CHURCH EXTENSION WORK.

LOAN AND DONATION FUND.

1. The fund known as Church Extension Fund is used for loans or donations in aid of church buildings. This Fund is constituted of such receipts by gifts, legacies, or congregational offerings, as are designated for Church Extension. The Board of Missions and Church Extension may, in its discretion, in meritorious cases, make temporary transfers in aid of this fund from the general treasury of Home Missions.

2. All churches asking aid from the Board must first submit their plans, specifications, and bids to said Board, before any action can be taken on their applications. Their plans must first be approved by the Board.

3. Only organized congregations connected with some District Synod in the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South shall obtain loans from this Fund.

4. The amount of a loan to a congregation shall be much less than the amount raised by the congregation itself, unless in extreme cases, of which the Board shall be the judge.

5. No loan shall be made for a period longer than 10 years, nor for a larger amount than $3,000, and only in extreme cases shall the loan be increased.

6. Loans may be made to bear interest at such a rate and from such a time, as the Board may determine ; and shall be secured by the best and safest lien, or other approved security.

7. The principal of the Loan Fund shall in no case be reduced by making donations therefrom.

8. The Board requires congregations who have loans, to keep up insurance on their church buildings and transfer their policies to the Board as collateral security.

9. Contributions to the general cause, or donations to special churches shall not be acknowledged as payment on loans.

10. No donations shall exceed $——.

11. No donations shall be given to congregations for repairing or enlarging church buildings.

12. No donations shall be made to a church costing over $——.

13. No donations shall be made to churches in old settled communities, nor for liquidating church debts, except in extraordinary cases of which the Board shall be the judge.

14. In extreme cases, donations may be made to churches, in addition to loans, when loans are inadequate, but of such cases, the Board must judge.

15. Donations shall be secured to the Board by a conditional mortgage to secure such donations against loss in case of dismemberment of a congregation receiving such aid, or of dissolution of its connection with the United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South.

16. Congregations applying for aid must be organized, and capable in law to hold property and give security.

17. Congregations receiving donations must have sufficient insurance on their buildings to secure them against loss by fire.

HOME MISSIONS.

The work of Home Missions during the past two years has run along in the former channel. The emphasis has been largely upon the Atlanta church, and special concentration there seemed to be demanded by the importance of the location and merits of the case as well as by the action of the United Synod at its last convention. No new work has been undertaken. The Board has given courteous recognition to the appeal from Spartanburg, S. C., and has pledged

help in the way of loan and donation from the Church Extension Fund. Birmingham, Alabama, has been partially canvassed to ascertain the conditions there calling for our consideration. The results have not been such as to justify any assumption on our part of mission work there. The cost would be unusually great, and far beyond the real merits of the case thus far developed. This is a great and growing city, and claims watchful attitude on the part of the Lutheran church.

THE HOME MISSION INCOME.

The apportionment indicated by the United Synod as the approximate estimate of its obligation toward the home field, namely, twenty-five cents per enrolled communicant member, has not been realized during the last biennium. The Board has therefore been limited in its work. No new field has been taken up, except Spartanburg, S. C., which has been conditionally promised aid to the extent of $1,500 as gift and loan toward the erection of the church building.

One reason of this condition of the Home Mission treasury is that several of the district synods have concentrated their funds largely upon synodical missions. These seem to appeal with peculiar attraction to the prevalent local feeling, and thus we have a partial explanation of the small amount contributed for the more general work. There is no doubt that special local interests appealing through personal canvass to the congregations has tended to condition the financial phase of the home mission problem, and also to make the special days designated by the United Synod largely nugatory. This cannot but be regarded as unfortunate. While the zeal in behalf of synodical home missions is not only praiseworthy, but to be fostered rather than otherwise, at the same time a remedy should be applied to remove as far as possible any conflict between local and general interests. What is the remedy? It seems to be in the general and faithful observance of the one Home Mission festival, the standing appointment of the United Synod for Home Missions, and for each pastor and congregation to co-operate with the Board of Missions to make this festival yield the largest possible fruitage. As this is the one and only Home Mission appointment in the whole year, its universal observance is well nigh imperative, not only to raise the needed revenue, but because our federated relation involves sacred claims for mutual co-operation.

If synods and committees and agents would recognize this particular season as already pre-empted, and would studiously avoid conflicting appointments, it would come to pass that within a few years

happy results would be seen to follow, through harmonious co-operation between the Board and the churches.

We therefore recommend that it be declared as the judgment of the United Synod that this Home Mission festival be conscientiously recognized, and be given such priority on all the congregations and Sunday-schools composing this body, as that its observance become a fixed and universal custom.

Inasmuch as at all times there are vacant pastorates, and other congregations that do fail to take this subject seriously to heart, whereby certainty as to the financial results from a more or less general observance of this day cannot be relied upon, the Board must count upon the special co-operation of the Woman's Societies and the more liberal churches as well as individuals, or there shall appear annually an unwelcome deficit, and our claim to cultivate our legitimate territory and fulfil the great mission assumed, be adjudged as vain and preposterous.

THE WIDENING HOME FIELD.

The evident and marvelous development in the South along the multiplied avenues of material wealth, the tides of immigration flowing in from all quarters, the phenomenal growth of our towns and cities, together with the superior attraction of the climate of these Southern States, marks our field of operations as unequaled anywhere in its claim for home mission propaganda. We are living in an era of rapid advance, and great undertakings, and it behooves us as a church to be awake to the signs of the times. And yet we dare not ignore the fact that our resources, as a United Synod of the South, are not commensurate with the demands for home mission operations in the great territory supposed to be embraced within our ecclesiastical borders. We must meet in some way the question of our responsibility as a general body. It is clearly our duty to raise the apportionment of $10,000, or twenty-five cents per member for the general fund. This is within our reach, and this body should utter no uncertain sound on that point.

Yet even when that point is attained, what about that southwestern territory embracing the great States of Alabama and Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas? Here it seems is a field for united work, if the three general bodies, the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod could enter into federal relation and co-operate in developing this territory in the interests of the Lutheran church, and place in the field one or more traveling missionaries under the direction of a joint commission.

The Board submits this proposition of federated co-operation upon

the territory named for the consideration of the United Synod, with the recommendation that a committee be appointed to confer with the proper authorities with a view to agreement upon a plan, if found feasible, for developing and cultivating the Lutheran interests in said territory.

RICHMOND.

This church is entirely self-sustaining, and the work is in good shape. Pastor and people have been in harmonious co-operation. The property has enhanced in value, and the offer of $25,000 was declined. It seems that the purpose of the congregation is to retain the present site, and gradually accumulate funds sufficient to build a handsome church at a suitable time. The present building has been put in most excellent condition, and the congregation has in hand $4,600 toward the future church. There is an enrolled membership of 369. The church south and the Virginia Synod especially are to be congratulated upon this final outcome of their persevering efforts. We extend to pastor and people our hearty good will.

NORFOLK.

The First Lutheran church of Norfolk was re-dedicated June 24, 1906, the debt thereon having been fully discharged. This is a happy consummation. We all rejoice with pastor and people. A parsonage adjoining the church has been purchased at a cost of $4,000. The congregation has done wisely in securing this property, and feels able to handle successfully the indebtedness involved in the purchase. We announce with no little satisfaction that on January 1, 1907, this church assumes self-support. This message comes through Pastor Riser: "We are gratified for the very deep interest the Board of Missions has always manifested in the church at Norfolk; and in appreciation of that interest and the material support given us through all the years of the life of this church, and recognizing the Board's need of money, and the many calls that are constantly coming to you for help, we have fully decided to become self-sustaining after this year. This decision we would be pleased to have the Board convey to the brethren of the United Synod at its next convention."

This congregation now numbers 150 communicants, and owns property valued at $14,000.

RADFORD AND PULASKI.

This mission pastorate has been served up to February 1, 1906, by Rev. D. S. Fox. Since that date it has been vacant. There has been no perceptible progress in these two congregations during this biennium. The combined membership is 92. The financial ability as to

salary is $400. The Board has been aiding to the extent of $250 per annum. Pulaski has a church home. Radford has bought a lot for $320 and has $700 in bank reserved for the proposed church building. Radford seems in a state of doubt. There is an ominous pause. Sufficient funds for the proposed church cannot be reckoned upon with any reasonable probability. There is an east and also a west end to the congregation.

Pulaski is more hopeful. A pastor, strong and aggressive, is needed for this charge. It is due to the cause that a vigorous effort be made to hold these points, and be in readiness to respond to the possible opportunities that may come during another biennium. There must be, in the near future, encouraging indications of material progress in manifold industrial lines, and it is hoped that the original purpose in planting these churches may yet be fulfilled.

GRAHAM AND BLUEFIELD.

Under the efficient pastoral supervision of Rev. C. W. Cassell, this congregation at Graham, with an enrollment of 78 members, finished and dedicated their house of worship, January 20, 1904, under the name of Wartburg Evangelical Lutheran church. The resignation of Rev. Cassell, taking effect March 1, 1905, was followed by a nine months' vacancy, with occasional supply from neighboring pastors, especially Rev. H. E. Bailey. The congregation has held together, keeping up the Sunday-school work with commendable faithfulness. The lack of truly sympathetic co-operation on the part of the Bluefield congregation has worked somewhat to the isolation and continual vacancy at Graham, making it necessary that Graham, in order to maintain regular services, seek such supplies as were most available.

As a charge Bluefield and Graham have been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. Cassell, March 1, 1905.

We regret to say that peculiar difficulties have prevented the Board from co-operating successfully with these congregations in procuring a pastor, and therefore no appropriation has been made since March, 1905, though an appropriation of $300 per annum was authorized by the Board should a pastor suitable for the work be obtained.

It is greatly to be regretted that the work at this point should remain in abeyance so long. The field is a peculiar one, demanding a pastoral service not easily to be commanded. We hope for better things under new conditions which may appear at no distant time. The indications are that at an early date the city of Bluefield will become a most influential center of population and commercial activity; and missionary effort in this direction should receive the active support of the churches of the United Synod.

BRISTOL MISSION.

This important mission, bordering the territory of the Southwest Virginia Synod and the Holston Synod, has been supported by the United Synod to the extent of $250 annually in the way of supplementing the pastor's salary. This church is connected in a pastorate with Buehler's church, 3½ miles south of Bristol. The pastorate stands pledged for $300 per annum. Membership reported, 55.

Rev. Paul Sieg resigned this work, December 1, 1905. Since that time it has been vacant, though continuous efforts have been made to secure a pastor. We are glad to report that the services of Rev. K. Y. Umberger have been secured, and that he will enter upon the work August 1, 1906.

The church building has cost $7,000. The auditorium is not yet ready for occupancy. The lecture room, with a seating capacity of 160, has been finished and furnished, and is used for all church purposes.

The debt of $4,000 resting upon the church is listed as follows: $2,500 is a loan from the Church Extension Society of the Southwest Virginia Synod, not due till 1914, and then payable one-tenth annually. The remaining $1,500 is a loan from Mr. Schieren, of New York, payable on demand, but bears no interest. The favorable regard entertained by ex-Mayor Schieren in behalf of this Bristol church has greatly encouraged the friends of the mission, and moreover lays upon us a special obligation to maintain the cause firmly and liberally.

We are informed that harmony prevails among the members and that the outlook is most hopeful, and that the new pastor will enter upon the work under circumstances quite promising. The entire church cannot but look with interest upon the development of the Bristol mission.

MISSISSIPPI MISSION.

The Synod of Mississippi numbers 700 communicants, 13 churches, and 5 pastors. These churches are near the center of the State, and are distributed into three divisions corresponding to points of an equilateral triangle whose sides are 75 miles in length.

Hitherto the aid extended by the Board has been devoted to the western angle centering at Goodman on the Chicago and Illinois railway. It has seemed to the Board proper to enter upon a partial change of policy in this field, and devote part of its appropriation in the interest of this field to occasional visits on the part of a representative of the Board, believing thereby to accomplish more satisfactory results to the Synod as a whole, in meeting its special needs. This Synod, remote, isolated, and weak in numbers, seeks our sympathy

and aid, and the United Synod cannot but realize a sacred claim to help this Synod to maintain its footing against adverse conditions.

In July, 1905, this Synod celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its organization in New Hope church. The President of the Board of Missions was present by special invitation. There were three pastors present, two of the charges being vacant. These vacancies have recently been supplied in the persons of Rev. J. L. Buck and Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT NEWS.

This church numbers 122 communicant members, and enrolls 125 in its Sunday-school. Its contributions to all purposes during the biennium has been $2,467.92, being an average of $1,234 annually. So soon as this church shall have cancelled its debt of $2175, which will in all probability be done in the next two years, it will be in a position to move rapidly toward self-support. This is an important point, and will need aid from the United Synod mission funds for several years yet Pastor and people have done well.

ATLANTA.

The "Church of the Redeemer," corner Trinity avenue and Capitol Place, finished, with a commodious parsonage adjoining, all costing about $18,000, and valued now at $25,000, is the answer to the persistent effort and resolute purpose to erect a worthy Lutheran church home in this great Southern city. The church building a symmetrical and handsome structure of granite, is an ornament to the city, a credit to the Lutheran church ; and a monument to the energy, faith, and zeal of the pastor.

Ground was broken for the church August 29, 1904, and the building was completed July 25, 1905. The first service was held in it August 6, 1905. The membership has reached 127, and the Sunday-school 95. The contributions as presented in the subjoined tabulated statement, are unusually liberal. The growth of the congregation is cheering, and the prospects are growing brighter week by week.

The Synod of Georgia has stood nobly by this work, and the pledge made by the Board of Missions of $5,000 has been more than redeemed, by $700. The debt of $8,500 is carried by the congregation, interest and a portion of the principal being paid annually. This is a heavy burden for the young congregation to carry, but its courage has not failed ; and we are informed that if the debt were removed the church would gladly assume self-support.

The result at Atlanta should be a stimulus to larger undertakings in Home Mission work, and a reminder of the willingness and ability of our people under judicious appeals to their church loyalty and liberality.

HOME MISSIONS—TABULATED STATEMENT—JULY, 1904, TO JULY, 1906.

PASTORS.	CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.			Value Church Property.	Amount of Debt.	AVERAGE MONTHLY CONTRBS.				Salary per month paid by Board.
		Communicants.	Infant Membership.	Sunday-Schools.			Toward Pastor's Salary.	Other Local Expenses in Support Church.	Toward Church Debt and Building.	Benevolence.	
Rev. W. H. Riser.	First Church, Norfolk, Va.	150	62	105	$14000	$ 4200	$58 00	$ 20 06	$ 114 00	$ 9 00	$ 20 00
Rev. E. A. Shenk.	Trinity, Newport News, Va	122	75	125	8000	2175	25 00	15 40	54 03	8 40	50 00
Rev. J. L. Derrick.	Goodman Mission, Miss.	75	. .	. .	3000	. . .	14 00	6 00	. . . .	9 00	15 00
Vacant	Bluefield	33	. .	. .	2500	. . .	25 00	. . .	. . . .	. . .	16 66
	Graham	81	. .	60	4000	1200	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .
Vacant	Radford	92	36	70	6000	. . .	25 00	4 00	20 00	4 50	20 83
	Pulaski										
Rev K. Y Umberger	Bristol	55	45	64	9000	4000	25 00	5 50	. . . .	5 00	20 83
Rev. O. C. Petersen	Holy Trinity	21	17	15	2500	500	7 00	2 72	. . . .	3 50	10 00
	Sinking Spring	75	30	40	800	. . .	8 00	50	. . . .	. . .	. .
	Blue Spray	39	18	. .	900	. . .	6 00	25	. .	. .	. . .
Rev. E. C. Cronk.	Atlanta	127	52	95	25000	8500	33 33	41 27	126 87	4 66	50 00

OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

The work in Japan has entered upon its fourteenth year. The report of Rev. C. L. Brown which is made a part of the report of the Board presents a full statement in regard to the work and workers, and to this paper we ask the careful attention of the entire church of the United Synod. Diligent and faithful service amid no little self-denial and trial of patience, has characterized the management of the Mission cause in Japan during this biennium. Constant watchfulness and anxiety, coupled with judicious administration on the part of our missionaries, has marked the progress of the work. With the limitations attaching to the cause, we cannot but be gratified at the results; and our brethren and their helpful wives have laid a most worthy claim upon our gratitude and high regard. The appeals that come to us from Japan should receive, therefore, our most considerate attention. The claims upon the church in behalf of the cause in Japan are of the most sacred character, and our pledges, expressed and implied, should be held inviolable.

THE KATHARINE SCHERER MEMORIAL CHURCH AT KUMAMOTO.

The original fund collected for this purpose by friends four years ago was $605. To this was added at a later date under appeal by Rev. C. L. Brown $283.71, making a total of $888.71. To this amount there was added by the Board of Missions from current fund $411.29, and the amount of $1,300 was forwarded, March, 1905, covering the cost of lot and the Katharine Scherer memorial building.

Under the wise and careful management of Rev. C. L. Brown, a most desirable lot was purchased and a very creditable church was built, and on the 20th of June, 1905, the same was consecrated to the service of God. It was a happy occasion, and marks a very important stage in the development of our mission work in the city of Kumamoto, and in the island Kyushu.

The dimensions of this building are 32 x 45 feet, giving a seating capacity of from 200 to 250.

The little congregation in Kumamoto contributed liberally, according to their ability, toward the furnishings, including a baptismal font as *their* memorial to Mrs. Scherer.

Now that we own a house in Kumamoto as a residence for our missionary located there and a suitable house of worship and also a parsonage the church may congratulate itself that at last a point has been reached in the work in this city of 80,000, justifying the hope that the future will be characterized by substantial progress in the work of establishing our church on a permanent foundation, constituting this

a forceful center of work for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in that part of the Japanese Empire.

REV. R. B. PEERY, PH. D.

At a meeting of the Board, held in Columbia, Dec. 14, 1904, a call wss extended to Dr. Peery to return to Japan. Dr. Peery was at that time engaged in pastoral work in Philadelphia, and our call came to him somewhat as a surprise. In the correspondence which ensued, there was revealed a growing conviction on his part that duty was pointing toward his return to Japan to take up the work again, and on the 27th day of January, 1905, his letter of acceptance was received.

Terms mutually satisfactory were agreed upon, and Dr. Peery resigned his work in Philadelphia, and was making preparation to set sail for Japan in September.

In the meantime, however, in view of the fact that Mrs. Peery's condition of health became a subject for consideration creating apprehensions as to the propriety of her going out to Japan at this time, the Board, believing that a possible injustice might result to her and Dr. Peery by its ignoring the apprehensions thus created, resolved to postpone their departure for one year, and tendered Dr. Peery service at home in the interest of the Mission Board upon furlough salary, expressing the hope that at the expiration of that time, under the leadings of divine Providence, the way might be made unmistakably clear for their departure for Japan in the fall of 1906.

It is due to Dr. and Mrs. Peery to say that they declared their willingness to go at once, notwithstanding the question of health. Just at this juncture, Dr. Peery received a call to St. Paul's Lutheran church in Denver, Col., and in view of the action of the Board postponing his departure for Japan, and the uncertainty that might attach to the matter at issue even a year hence, and the indications of Providence through the unsolicited call to Denver, Dr. Peery felt constrained to accept the call to Denver.

It is with regret that we are thus called to relinquish the services of this brother, so well qualified to do valuable work at this critical hour in the history of our mission, but in the confidence that God rules and overrules, we acquiesce in what seems the divine leading. Yet our Southern church will continue to cherish for Dr. and Mrs. Peery unabated esteem and affectionate regard for the long and faithful service rendered by them in behalf of the mission in Japan.

REV. ARTHUR J. STIREWALT.

It having been announced that an additional missionary was wanted to go out to Japan, Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt, a member of the Senior

class in the Chicago Theological Seminary, tendered his services to the Board in a letter, dated Sept. 26, 1904, in which he says: "For several years it has been my conviction that when I enter the work of the ministry, to offer myself for the foreign field." "If this vacancy in the foreign field has not yet been filled, and if the Mission Board has not as yet any special person under consideration for the place, then I offer myself as one who would, at least, consider such work with a view to engaging in it, should such an outward call be extended me, which I could regard as the manifest call of the Lord."

Correspondence with his former and present teachers in college and seminary, and others well acquainted with Bro. Stirewalt, resulted in such unanimous and satisfactory commendation of him personally and of his fitness for the work of missionary, that the Board at its meeting in Columbia, S. C., on the 14th of December, 1904, extended him a unanimous call. This call was accepted February 25, 1905, in which he placed himself unconditionally at the service of the Board. The date of his departure to Japan was the fall of 1906 or 1907 according to the result of pending negotiations with Dr. Peery.

After his graduation from the Seminary, viz., on the 15th of May, 1905, Rev. Stirewalt, by arrangement with the Board, began a visitation of churches, synods, and conventions in two Synods of Virginia, of North and South Carolina and the Georgia Synod, continuing in this service till November 23, 1905, and ending his itinerary at Charlotte, N. C. From that point he started at that date upon his journey to Japan (Dr. Peery's departure having been indefinitely postponed), and sailed from Seattle on the 8th day of December, 1905, and reached Yokohama December 31, arriving at Saga his destination, January 8th, 1906, and was given a joyous welcome by the brethren.

Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt was born near Luray, Va., February 5, 1881, and is the son of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt. May, 1899, he graduated from the High School at Luray, and entered the Sophomore class in Lenoir College, September, 1899, and graduated therefrom with distinction, May, 1902. In September, 1902, he entered the Theological Seminary at Chicago and graduated therefrom in May, 1905. During his Seminary course he did missionary service at several points, filling the position part of the time as proctor of the Seminary, and of chaplaincy of the Passavant Memorial Hospital. He is now at Kumamoto, diligently prosecuting his studies in preparation for active work. His presence in Japan at this time is cause of rejoicing to us all.

REV. C. L. BROWN—FURLOUGH.

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Brown, as Missionaries under our Board, arrived in Japan, November 6, 1898. According to rules adopted for the

government of the Mission, after the expiration of eight years service, our missionaries are granted a furlough of one year, with the privilege of returning to America. Rev. Brown, by authority of the Board left Japan, May 3, 1906, and arrived at Salem, Va., June 3, 1906. It was deemed important that the Board should have an interview with Rev. Brown prior to this meeting of the United Synod, and for this and other reasons suggested by the needs of the mission, the furlough begins a few months earlier than may have been contemplated in the adoption of the rules aforesaid. For Rev. Brown and his family to have remained in Japan during this summer would have been unwise policy, and not promotive of the best interests of the mission in Japan. The rest and recuperation now possible under the furlough have been richly deserved. Bro. Brown has been faithful and laborious, and as our representative in that difficult field has performed his part well and with marked efficiency. He richly merits the thanks and kindly consideration of this body. We believe his services in the home church, as far as the same can be given, will result in valuable help to the cause in Japan. We are glad to announce that he will be present with us in this meeting of the United Synod.

REV. C. K. LIPPARD.

This brother is entering upon his sixth year of service, having his residence at Saga. Like his associates in the work often sorely tried and overburdened, he has held on with martyrlike zeal and patience, and together with his faithful wife has been diligently sowing the good seed of the Word, scattering it here and there in church, in the class-room, through the kindergarten, and by the way, wherever opportunity offers. The fruit will be by and by.

Our representatives away out on the firing line are doing yeoman service, and richly deserve the loving sympathy and unfaltering devotion of the church at home.

THE DANISH MISSION AT KURUME AND VICINITY.

Our mission in Japan and the mission of "the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran church in America" continue in harmonious and fraternal relation.

This mission has headquarters at Kurume, a city of 35,000 inhabitants, and distant from Saga ten miles, and from Kumamoto, fifty miles.

The Rev. J. M. S. Winther and his wife, Rev. Yonemura and wife and Miss Ella Johnson, and Evangelist Suzuki, constitute the working force of this Danish mission.

Inasmuch as Rev. and Mrs. Winther were to return to America on

furlough (and are now in this country), the Board under which Rev. Winther is serving, has asked us to instruct Rev. Brown or Rev. Lippard "to supervise and direct and look after" the work in Kurume and vicinity "from time to time as necessity may demand." We have accepted this fraternal proffer, and have committed to our brethren at Saga and Kumamoto the execution of the wishes of our Danish brethren. This duty will devolve chiefly upon Bro. Lippard. Rev. N. Hansen, in communicating to us this request, says, "We trust that your Board will be able to assist us in this matter, and we shall be glad to do your mission a like favor, being of the same faith and doctrine, working for the same goal the salvation of the Japanese, the establishment of our church on Japanese soil, and the upbuilding of our dear church with the old apostolic truth—the infallible Scripture."

BIENNIUM REPORT OF JAPAN MISSION FOR 1904-05.

GENERAL SURVEY.

The most prominent feature in the national life of Japan during the years 1904-05 was, of course, the war with Russia. So tremendous was this conflict, and so far-reaching were the issues involved, that the entire thought of the nation was centered almost solely on the doings of the army and navy. The world knows the final outcome, so that no account is here necessary or in place. But as the question is everywhere asked, What have been the effects of the war on mission effort, it may be of interest to you to hear the opinion of eye witnesses.

Though there were local exceptions, generally speaking, all mission work proceeded during the war just as before and since. There was local opposition here and there, and suspicions were cast on native Christians and missionaries. This was largely the work of Buddhists and dictated by religious jealousy. But Government of Japan and many thoughtful persons determined to nip in the bud all attempts to connect religion with the war. The Prime Minister, by his emphatic declarations, and a great inter-religious meeting in Tokyo, by its resolutions, clarified the religious atmosphere and fully assured the Christian church.

From the standpoint of Christianity it cannot be denied that some effects of the war were very harmful. Ancestor worship, always popular, became even more so. The deified heroes of the past who had never allowed the invasion of a foreign foe were appealed to with increased devotion. And as the mighty Christian colossus of the north went down before the armies of non-Christian Japan the faith of many in the old superstitions revived and increased—a spirit of self-sufficiency

and pride also were not wanting, though it should be emphatically said that the sin of pride and boastfulness as a result of the war cannot be charged against Japan as a whole and particularly the thoughtful and leading classes. The spirit of materialism, the desire for gain, is also on the increase. These and allied evils were naturally to be expected.

But, broadly speaking, the gains of Christianity are thought to be greater than the losses. Some of the more important are :

1. *Official Recognition.*—Christianity, though tolerated, has never been openly approved or recognized for its achievements. Through the war Christianity was given a splendid opportunity to publicly reveal the spirit of Christ in many very practical ways, and these opportunities were not neglected. The distribution of Bibles to departing soldiers, the visitation of bereaved families, the work for wounded soldiers in the hospitals, the sending of comfort bags to the front, the excellent work of the Y. M. C. A. among the soldiers in Manchuria—in fact the whole conduct of the Christian church was so admirable that the Emperor himself saw fit to express his approval by the gift of $5,000 toward the Y. M. C. A. work in Manchuria. He has also in the past two years given $5,000 to a Christian orphanage and $500 to another Christian institution. Also a local governor recently promised to give to a Christian leper home $750 annually. All such recognition, due directly or indirectly to the war, gives Christianity a public status perhaps not possible to have been obtained otherwise.

2. *Growth Toward Church Independence.*—While the desire for self-support and independence existed before the war the victory of the Japanese arms has lent very great additional force to this movement. So long as the spirit of the movement is confined to reasonable bounds it should be welcomed as a step in the right direction. The sooner the native church assumes its own financial burdens the better will it be for Christianity in Japan.

3. *The War has Increased the Sense of Moral and Religious Insufficiency.*—Japan realizes that she stands in the position of leader and instructor to China and Corea, and that her responsibilities are therefore great—at the same time it is admitted that her duty is to teach not only the material sciences, but also morality and religion. But how can this be done when her own systems fail to command the homage of her own leaders? How can Japan become the moral leader of China when the 9,000 Chinese students in Japan, instead of being elevated, sink deeper into immorality? The thinking men of Japan are fast realizing that it is impossible to assume present day responsibilities and discharge them faithfully with the present moral and re-

ligious foundations. Such moral and religious uncertainty constitutes great opportunities for the church.

The work of the churches in general has continued as usual. While the statistics for 1905 are not yet to hand, judging from the two preceding years, the baptisms for 1904-05 should be close to 15,000, including about 2,000 children; and the total Christian population, including children, should now be close to 160,000. The gains in the past five years have been much more rapid than during the preceding ten years.

Special mention should be made of the condition of Christian schools. The adverse legislation of the government in 1899, directing that no religion should be taught or religious ceremonies held in any schools recognized by government, was a great blow to Christian education. The removal of this restriction in January, 1904, has given new life and hope to mission schools. The absolute lack of proper moral and religious instruction in the government schools is causing uneasiness among many parents, and inducing them to patronize mission schools. For these and other reasons all the mission schools of the higher grade are overflowing with students. All that can are enlarging their buildings or putting in heavy repairs. These schools were never so prosperous, never deserved more the earnest support of the home churches.

OUR OWN WORK.

Coming to our own field, it must be admitted that our report cannot be made so encouraging as that for the last biennium. The war was a constant drain on our membership, and in addition certain congregational difficulties served to retard our growth and destroy a part of what we had. Of course, the war was beyond our control, and as for the congregational difficulties, though they are to be regretted, they are common to Japanese church life. We are therefore neither surprised nor discouraged.

SAGA AND HAKATA.

Unfortunately the presence of the Finnish Board missionaries in Saga at the beginning of the Russo-Japanese war led to suspicions on the part of the local government and some of the citizens. At that time all foreigners in the interior of Japan were more or less carefully watched, and Finland being a dependency of Russia the presence of Finns was not understood. At a later date other difficulties with these missionaries under circumstances familiar to the Board, led to the discontinuance of our co-operation, and as a result they finally withdrew from Kyushu to north Japan.

Partly growing out of these same misunderstandings the Saga Chris-

tians later lost confidence in their pastor, who had labored among them since the founding of the mission, so that it became necessary to move him to another station. Hakata, having a population of 80,000, distant from Saga about 35 miles, was chosen as a new station. Mr. Yamanouchi moved there from Saga in January of this year. He told me recently that he now has about 15 inquirers and an attendance of 7 on Sunday. To supply the vacancy in Saga, Mr. Uada was called from Ogi.

The kindergarten has continued to grow until now there are enrolled 40 scholars. Mrs. Lippard is much interested in this work, and both she and Mr. Lippard are of opinion that the kindergarten has a beneficial influence on their other efforts. A new Bible woman and a new kindergarten teacher were secured in April, 1906. In spite of the many changes in the Saga station Mr. Lippard is more encouraged than for some time. Mrs. Lippard has also had a large cooking class which she teaches in her home with good results.

One of the most encouraging features of the Saga work was the recent public preaching during the Kyushu Exposition held this spring in March and April. Mr. Lippard showed great enterprise and forethought in using such a splendid opportunity to preach the Gospel. A small house was erected just outside the exposition grounds, and preachers were invited from all over Kyushu. It was our good fortune to know that from 200 to 600 people heard preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ every day for 60 days.

KUMAMOTO AND OMUTA.

The last biennium witnessed the erection and consecration of the Katharine Scherer Memorial chapel. Through the generosity of our friends we were able to secure an excellent location and build a strong and commodious chapel sufficient for all our needs—and through the kindness of other friends a small but good parsonage and Sunday-school room were added. The entire cost was $1,700. With this addition our Board now holds in Saga and Kumamoto property which cost $4,675. All this property is worth more today than the purchase price. The possession of the Kumamoto chapel will help to advertise our cause to the public and in other ways be of great benefit.

Aside from the regular work of the church Mr. Brown has continued to teach in the Government College and Mrs. Brown has given much of her time to work among the children, both in and out of the city. Sunday-schools have been large and well attended. The children of these schools have gradually become as interested as the missionaries. Mrs. Brown has also given some time each week to cooking class work.

Kumamoto being a large city and also a military and educational center, other missions too are working there. Speaking for the general work, therefore, mention should be made of the fact that the condition of Christianity in that city today is much better than two or three years ago. Prejudice is dying down, and the churches are exercising a much more potent influence on the public. Recently the resident missionaries gave a musical for the benefit of the famine sufferers; so great was the popular approval that 5,000 people came, resulting in $450 for the sufferers. The press notices were flattering, and even the Buddhists sent in a request that we assist them in a like entertainment at some later date. All the churches are alive to the situation, and are aggressively proclaiming the Gospel with excellent results.

The work at Omuta continues to be encouraging. Mr. Wasa has gained 10 new converts since the last biennium report. The enrolled membership is now 21, and the resident 11. Mr. Wasa is energetic and consecrated and is suited to his field.

KURUME.

Though Kurume does not belong to our United Synod work, since all are interested in every Lutheran effort in Japan some mention of the Danish work is perhaps expected.

Mr. Winther went to Kurume five years ago with his evangelist Mr. Yonemura. They have now a very respectable little congregation of twenty-one members enrolled and fifteen resident, including five children. Three years ago Miss Johnson came out as an assistant to Mr. Winther. There is also one theological student who renders good service. The presence of these faithful workers in a nearby city has been no little encouragement to your missionaries.

In addition to the above central stations there are other small towns in which we preach and teach; but as our work in such places is not always permanent, frequently changes, and is not always regular, each of these sub-stations is not treated separately. A place at the statistics will show that we have in our principal and sub-stations ten preaching places. The small towns above referred to are Ogi, Ochimachi, Sunadori, Tokuma, Wakatsu, Takase, Tosu.

OUR NEEDS.

In Japan there are 2,034 Protestant workers, including missionaries, ordained and unordained Japanese evangelists, and Bible women. This means that in round numbers there is one Protestant worker for every 25,000 of population. There are 793 missionaries, or one to every 63,000 population.

On the Island of Kyushu there are about 5,000,000 Japanese and 47

missionaries, including the teachers in mission schools. That means there is only one missionary to every 106,000 population. It therefore follows that our needs are many. We are needy in every department of our work. We need more missionaries, more evangelists, more money. But standing far above every specific need there is one great and all-embracing need upon which we ask you to center your whole strength. Supply this need, and certain others will gradually and naturally cease to exist. Fail to supply this need, and we must sooner or later surrender in despair. Our all-embracing and greatest need is an academic and theological school of sufficient grade and equipment to meet the conditions of today. This question is presented in detail in another paper.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries (including wives), 5 ; Japanese pastors, 2 ; unordained helpers and Bible-women, 5 ; central stations, 4 ; preaching places, 10 ; Sunday-schools, 11 ; scholars and teachers, 400 ; kindergarten, 1 ; scholars, 40 ; baptized members, 185 ; resident members, 75 ; converts for 1904–05, 47 ; salaries to Japanese per month, *yen 158.00 ; chapel rents per month, yen 23.00 ; value of property, $4,675.00.

NOTE—The figures for Mr. Winther's work must be added to above, as follows :—

Missionaries (including wives), 3 ; ordained helper, 1 ; unordained helper, 1 ; Bible-woman, 1 ; baptized membership, 21 ; resident membership, 15.

June 29th, 1906. C. L. BROWN.

* Yen, fifty cents.

MISSION DAY, JULY 11, 1906.

By authority of those having in charge the ordering of the special appointments for this convention, this day, Wednesday, the 11th of July, has been designated "Mission Day," and anticipating the hearty endorsement of this body in convention assembled, the following program of exercises has been arranged, and is now submitted as the special order of the day, and we now recommend the same for your adoption as such special order :

MISSION DAY, JULY 11, 1906.

United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South, in convention at Dallas, North Carolina, Wednesday, July 11, 1906.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

I. Missions in General.

1. Mission Report Presented.
2. Importance of Missions.

a. From the Divine Standpoint.
b. From the Standpoint of the Unsaved.
c. From the Standpoint of the Saved. Discussion.

3. The Church's Resources.

a. Divine: Prayer and Missions.

b. Human:

(1) Intelligent Interest. Discussion.
(2) The Pastor and Missions.
(3) The Layman and Missions.
(4) The Young of the Church and Missions.
(5) Our Educational Institutions and Missions. Discussion.

II. Home Missions, from Standpoint of the United Synod.

1. Our Possibilities as a United Body.
2. Our Limitations—An Opportunity for the American Lutheran Church. The Great Southwest.

Addresses followed by general discussion.

III. Night Session—Vespers—Theme: Our Mission in Japan.

1. Greetings from Japan—Rev. C. L. Brown.
2. The Response—*The Home Base.*

TREASURER'S REPORT—JULY, 1904, TO JULY, 1906.

JOHN A. CLINE, IN ACCOUNT WITH

MISSION FUNDS OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

WOMAN'S $20,000 "FORWARD MOVEMENT" FUND.

DR.

To amount received from all sources	$ 3846 53
To amount interest at 4 per cent. on deposits	155 68
	$ 4002 21

CR.

By amts. reserved by Tennessee Synod	$ 101 82
By amt. credited to Foreign Mission	33 00
By amt. expense stamps	2 03
	$ 136 85
By balance in treasury, July 1, 1906	3865 36
	$ 4002 21

ATLANTA MISSION FUND.

1904. DR.

Sept. 26. To amts. received from all sources from Sept. 1, 1904, to July 1, 1906	$ 1889 16

CR.

By amt. paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, traveling expenses canvassing churches	$ 118 62
By amt. to Chas. H. Steiglitz, treasurer	1762 04
By balance in treasury, July 1, 1906	8 50
	$ 1889 16

MISSION LEAGUE FUND.

1906. DR.

June 30. To amt. from all sources: Foreign Missions	$ 2060 37
Home Missions	274 50
	$ 3334 87

1906. CR.

By amt. salary and commission and traveling expenses of Rev. Stirewalt, May to November, 1905, together with printing, postage, and other general expenses	$ 765 92
By one month's remittance to Japan: Salaries of Missionaries Lippard and Stirewalt, and native helpers, chapel rents, &c	325 00
By balance in treasury, July 1, 1906	1243 95
	$ 2334 87

KATHARINE SCHERER MEMORIAL FUND.

1904. DR.

Sept. 14. To amt. from J. W. Eberly, former treasurer	$ 295 71
Sept. 19. To amt. from Miss Myrtle Neff Coley, Treasurer Children's Society, Southwestern Virginia Synod	15 00
	$ 310 71

1904. CR.

Dec. 21. By amt. transferred to Foreign Fund for Katharine Scherer Memorial Church, Kumamoto	$ 310 71

HOME MISSION FUND.

1904. DR.

July 1. To balance in treasury	$ 150 22
To amt. recd. from all sources from July 1, 1904, to July 1, 1906	6236 73
To cash from "a friend in Virginia," payment towards a lot in Spartanburg	100 00
	$ 6486 95

CR.

By amt. to Newport News mission towards pastor's salary.	$ 1170 00
By amt. to Norfolk mission towards pastor's salary	480 00
By amt. to Graham and Bluefield missions towards past. sal.	416 60
By amt. to Morristown mission towards pastor's salary	240 00
By amt. to Atlanta mission towards pastor's salary	1200 00
By amt. to Mississippi mission towards pastor's salary	360 00
By amt. to Graham mission towards pastor's salary	149 94
By amt. to Bristol mission towards pastor's salary	374 94
By amt. to Atlanta mission, payment on church	450 00
By amt. to Spartanburg for lot	100 00
By amt. cost on lot at Fitzgerald, Ga	28 50
By amt. all other expenses of Board, salary of superintendent, printing, traveling, postage, Board meetings, &c.	613 36
	$ 5583 34
Balance in treasury, July 1, 1906	903 61
	$ 6486 95

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1904. DR.

July 1. To balance on hand	$ 350 29
To amt. transferred from Scherer Memorial Fund	310 71
To amt. contributions in the past two years, which include all regular contributions from Synodical Missionary Societies and Sunday-schools and all special contributions for helpers, chapel rents, organ, well, &c.	13433 79
	$14094 79

CR.

By traveling expenses Rev. Stirewalt to Japan	$ 200 00
By salary to Rev. C. R. Brown	2354 30
By salary to Rev. C. K. Lippard	2233 33
By salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	399 99
By amt. to Rev. R. B. Peery, bal. due on his house in Japan	415 00
By amt. incidentals, native helper allowance, native helper, &c.	3518 50
By amt. expense board, travel, and salary supt., printing, and all other expenses	615 48
By amt. to Kumamoto church	1300 00
By amt. to pews for church	75 00
By amt. to organ	25 00
By amt. for well at Saga	50 00

By amt. for parsonage at Kurume	125 00
By amt. for Kindergarten	20 00
By advanced expense of return of Rev. Brown and family and furlough salary	825 00
	$12156 60
By balance, July 1, 1906	1938 19
	$14094 79

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. CLINE, TREASURER.

This is to certify that we have audited the foregoing account of John A. Cline, Treasurer, and find the same correct.

W. L. SEABROOK,
W. A. DEATON.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

The Treasurer's Report makes exhibit as follows of moneys contributed for United Synod purposes and *passing into his hands* during the past two years :—

Home Mission Fund	$ 6486 95
Foreign Mission Fund	14094 79
Mission League Fund	2334 87
Atlanta Fund	1889 16
Woman's $20,000 Fund	3846 53
Total	$28652 30

This is an average of only 30 cents per member annually, and yet this is in excess of former years.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Amounts Contributed by each Synod from July 1, 1904, to July 1, 1906.

Virginia Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 3946 31
Home Mission	2196 82
	$6143 13

Southwestern Virginia Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 1645 01
Home Mission	595 00
	$2240 01

North Carolina Synod.

Foreign Mission	$2812 12
Home Mission	909 15
	$3721 27

Tennessee Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 549 44
Home Mission	325 00
	$ 874 44

South Carolina Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 3737 11
Home Mission	1346 54
	$5083 65

Holston Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 50 66
Home Mission	27 80
	$ 78 46

Mississippi Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 79 26
Home Mission	62 80
	$ 142 06

Georgia Synod.

Foreign Mission	$ 638 50
Home Mission	854 02
	$1492 52

Total.

Virginia Synod	$ 6143 13
Southwestern Virginia Synod	2240 01
North Carolina Synod	3721 27
Tennessee Synod	874 44
South Carolina Synod	5083 65
Holston Synod	78 44
Mississippi Synod	142 06
Georgia Synod	1492 52
Grand total	$19775 52

The variance between the above total and that elsewhere credited to Home and Foreign Mission funds, is due chiefly to the omission of certain balances that stood to the credit of last biennium receipts.

MISSION LEAGUE.

Sources of this Fund.

Tennessee Synod	$ 917 00
North Carolina Synod	657 25
Virginia Synod	215 50
South Carolina Synod	202 00
Georgia Synod	122 50

Southwestern Virginia Synod	43 00
Mississippi Synod	30 00
	$2187 25
Other sources	147 62
	$2334 87

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend:

1. That the Rules and Regulations, presented in this report with respect to the management of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension, be adopted.

2. That $10,000 be apportioned to the Synods to be raised annually for Home Missions and Church Extension.

3. That $10,000 be apportioned to the Synods as the amount needed annually for the support of the mission in Japan.

4. The month of April be designated as Japan month in all the Sunday-schools of the United Synod.

5. That the month of June be known as Home Mission and Church Extension month in the congregations of the United Synod.

6. That the month of October be Foreign Mission Month in the churches.

7. That the gift of Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim be considered as part of the Church Extension Fund, and that the United Synod record its grateful appreciation of this kindly act on the part of these beloved friends and generous patrons of the cause of missions in the United Synod.

8. That to the Board of Missions be committed the duty of electing a Missionary Superintendent, in harmony with the spirit of the action of the United Synod at its last convention. (See Minutes of 1904, page 54, recommendation 1.)

9. That the earnest appeal of the Japan Conference in behalf of the mission school, as contained in the pamphlet herewith submitted, be considered with that careful and prayerful deliberation which the supreme importance of the cause demands, and that a special hour be designated for the discussion of this subject.

Respectfully,

R. C. HOLLAND,
L. G. M. MILLER,
W. L. SEABROOK,
J. E. COOPER,
W. C. SCHAEFFER,
H. E. H. SLOOP,
O. C. PETERSEN,
W. A. DEATON,
BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The general subject of Missions was then taken up, and the following order was observed, with addresses as outlined, Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., presiding, the Synod being first led in prayer by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D.:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, BEGINNING AT 10 A. M.

Program for the Day.

1. MISSIONS IN GENERAL.
   1. Report of Board of Missions Presented.
   2. Addresses—Subject: "Importance of Missions."
      a. Presented from the Divine Standpoint—President J. A. Morehead, D. D.
      b. Viewed from the Standpoint of the Unsaved—Rev. E. L. Wessinger.
      c. Viewed from the Standpoint of The Saved—Rev. W. A. Snyder.
   3. Addresses—Subject: "The Church's Resources."
      a. On the Divine Side. Subject: "Prayer and Missions."—Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D.
      b. On the Human Side.
         1. "Intelligent Interest."—Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Rev. Geo. S. Bowers.
         2. "The Pastor and Missions."—Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D.
         3. "The Layman and Missions."—President J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D.
         4. "The Young of the Church and Missions."—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.
         5. "Our Educational Institutions and Missions."—Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D. D.
2. HOME MISSIONS, From Standpoint of the United Synod.
   1. "Our Possibilities and Responsibilities as a United Body."—Rev. R. L. Fritz.
   2. "Our Limitations—An Opportunity for the American Lutheran Church."—Rev. W. L. Seabrook.

Pending the discussion of The Church's Resources, Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. M. J. Epting.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1906, 2 P. M.

Synod convened, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. L. Seabrook. Prayer by Rev. M. O. J. Kreps.

The missionary program was taken up and concluded.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Paul Sieg.

At 8:30 p. m., Rev. James A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D., presided, and the following order was observed:

Vespers. Theme, "Our Mission in Japan."

1. Greetings from Japan. Address by Rev. C. L. Brown, of Kumamoto.
2. Response, "The Home Base."—Rev. John W. Horine.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1906, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. Jas. D. Kinard.

Roll was called, and minutes of yesterday's sessions read and approved.

Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., on motion, addressed the Synod on the work of the American Bible Society.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with sympathetic hearts the presentation of the cause of the American Bible Society by Dr. Law, and that we hereby express our endorsement of this cause, and our deep interest in the grand work, assuring its representative of our moral support and prayers for the blessings of the Lord our God upon the work, and we recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

The Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was made and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

Revs. J. E. Shenk, T. W. Shealy, and W. H. Riser were appointed a committee to nominate Seminary Board. It was

Resolved, That the Committee on Missions nominate the Board of Missions, and that the Board be constituted of one member from each district synod.

The Report of the Publishing Committee was submitted, and, on motion, a committee of *seven* was appointed to which the report was referred, with instructions to report as early as possible tomorrow. Committee: Revs. J. H. Wilson, R. L. Fritz, J. B. Greiner, Geo. H. Cox, and Messrs. Elon O. Henkel, J. F. Clemmer, and J. D. Cappelman.

The Committee on Common Book of Worship reported. Received and referred to the following committee: Revs. Geo. S. Bowers, M. G. G. Scherer, and Mr. H. L. Bonham.

The Committee to Nominate Fraternal Delegates reported. Adopted, and nominees elected.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

Your committee would recommend fraternal delegates as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL.

Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Principal. Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Alternate

GENERAL SYNOD.

Rev. J. W. Horine, Principal. Rev. G. H. Cox, D. D., Alternate.

Respectfully submitted, C. A. FREED,
B. D. WESSINGER,
J. W. JENNY.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dallas, N. C., July 12, 1906.

To the President and Members of the United Synod,

BRETHREN:—The committee to audit Treasurer's account respectfully reports that they have examined the report of C. H. Duls, Treasurer of the United Synod, and found the same correct, all disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers. The committee would recommend that some action be taken looking to the investmenf of the "F. P. Cover" fund, according to the requirements as expressed in his will. Respectfully submitted, R. F. BRYANT,
S. SIDNEY CASSELL,
J. M. RHODES.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. DULS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH

THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

DR.

July 27, '04.	To bal. in hands Tr. (p. 55, last Minutes) . .	Nothing
Aug. 20, '04.	Received of E. H. Aull, royalty, (p. 99, last Minutes)	$ 35 68
Feb. 11, '05.	Received of M. Coffman, Tr. E. L. Synod of Va.	54 84
Feb. 18, '05.	Received of Jas. D. Heilig, Tr. N. C. Synod .	82 20
March 8, '05.	Received of A. S. Greever, Tr. S. W. Va. Synod.	28 20
Mch. 16, '05.	Received of J. M. Gnann, Tr. Georgia Synod .	25 64
May 15, '05.	Received of J. H. Sheppard, Tr. Miss. Synod .	7 20
Aug. 14, '05.	Received of R. A. Yoder, Tr. E. L. Tenn. Synod.	91 68
Sept. 26, '05.	Received of J. M. Kinser, Tr. E. L. Holston Synod	13 68
June 16, '06.	Received of Jas. D. Heilig, Tr. N. C. Synod .	84 92
Nov. 18, '05.	Received of A. H. Kohn, Tr. S. C. Synod . .	98 88
	Total Receipts	$ 522 92

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Aug. 19, '04.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, for services, &c., (p. 118, last Minutes)	$ 26 00
Mch. 15, '05.	Paid Elbert H. Aull Co., on act. (pp. 90 and 118, last Minutes)	150 00
May 2, '05.	Paid Elbert H. Aull Co., on act. (pp. 90 and 118, last Minutes)	46 86
May 8, '05.	Paid Chas. F. Offman, sexton (p. 124, last Min.)	2 50
Aug. 18, '05.	Paid Elbert H. Aull Co., on acct. (pp. 90 and 118, last Minutes)	98 88
Sept. 27, '05.	Paid Henkel & Co., on acct. (pp. 90 and 118, last Minutes)	13 68
Nov. 18, '05.	Paid Elbert H. Aull Co., bal. (pp. 90 and 118, last Minutes)	51 49
July 5, '06.	Paid Henkel & Co., on acct. (pp. 57 and 103, last Minutes)	32 42
July 7, '06.	Paid Gustavus Wickes, sexton (p. 124, last Min.)	2 50
July 10, '06.	Paid Henkel & Co., bal. in full (pp. 57 and 103, last Minutes)	8 77
July 10, '06.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, (p. 118, last Minutes)	1 50

Balance in hands of Treasurer	88 32
	$522 92
July 10, '06. Bal. in hands of Treasurer, brought down. . .	$ 88 32

THE F. P. COVER FUND.

The Treasurer further begs leave to report that in pursuance of Fourth Item of F. P. Cover's will, the executrix on June 23, 1906, turned over to the Treasurer a check for ten thousand dollars, which check was at once deposited for collection; and certificate of deposit No. 12089, date July 9, 1906, for said amount is herewith exhibited, the money being on certificate in The Merchants and Farmers National Bank of Charlotte, N. C., awaiting the instructions of United Synod. Item 4th of the said will reads as follows:

"I give and bequeath unto the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000), to be securely invested and kept invested in some good Trust Company by said Synod, and to be called "The F. P. Cover Fund;" and the interest or income thereof shall be used as follows, viz.: the interest or income of one thousand dollars ($1,000) thereof to be applied annually to the salary of the regular pastor of Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran church of Browntown, Warren county, Virginia, when and only when said church has a regular pastor; the balance of said interest or income, and the whole thereof when said Ebenezer church has no regular pastor, shall be used for the maintenance and support of the orphans of the Lutheran Orphan Home of the said United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South, at Salem, Va., or its successor as an Orphans' Home."

Respectfully submitted,

July 10, 1906. C. H. DULS, TREASURER.

Certificate of deposit as stated above was in evidence.

R. F. BRYANT, CHAIRMAN.

On motion, a committee of *two* was appointed to advise with the Treasurer in carrying out the conditions of the Cover bequest, and the Treasurer was authorized to invest said fund as contemplated.

Committee: Rev. A. D. R. Hancher and Mr. W. F. Snyder, of Salisbury, N. C.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. A. Marks.

FIFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1906, 3 P. M.

Synod was convened and opened with prayer by Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D.

On motion, resolution 2, page 117 Minutes of 1904, was rescinded, and the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The following Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was nominated and elected:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, your Committee to Nominate a Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following: Revs. R. C. Holland, D. D., W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., W. A. Deaton, M. O. J. Kreps, C. A. Marks, J. H. Wilson, D. D., and Messrs. J. F. Ficken, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D., H. S. Trout, J. D. Cappelman, J. E. Cooper, and E. H. Jahnz.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SHENK,
W. H. RISER,
T. W. SHEALY.

The following Report on General Lutheran Conference was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL LUTHERAN CONFERENCE.

Your committee, appointed at the last convention of the United Synod to enter into correspondence with the committee of the General Council in regard to an International Lutheran Conference, beg leave to report that they have done so; that joint meetings of committees from the General Council, General Synod, and the United Synod, at which the last named body could only be represented by letter, were held in Philadelphia with the result that the project be postponed as inexpedient at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
M. M. KINARD,
J. B. GREINER.

Prof. J. T. Crabtree, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, upon request, read his report as information.

The report of the committee on the Report of the Board of Missions was fixed as the special order for 9 a. m. tomorrow.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have printed in the Minutes, the By-Laws, Rules of Order, and Standing Resolutions of the United Synod; and that a few copies be bound in pamphlet form for the use of the officers of the Synod.

The following was adopted:

1. That the editors of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* be requested to publish the address of Dr. Jacobs, made on last Tuesday evening before this body.

2. That two thousand copies of this address be published in pamphlet form, printed from the *Church Visitor*, to be distributed by the Mission Board.

3. Synod to meet the expense of such publication.

Synod was then adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. E. Weltner.

At 8:30 p. m., the Synod met to hear greetings from other ecclesiastical bodies.

Rev. C. A. Freed conducted religious services, after which Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., LL. D., official visitor from the General Council, delivered an excellent address, to which the President of Synod responded in most pleasing terms.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1906, 9 A. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. W. Shealy.

Roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee on Missions made the following report, which was considered by items and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee, appointed to consider the report of the Board of Missions, respectfully submit the following:

1. We recommend the hearty approval by the United Synod of the Lutheran Mission League of the South, and recognize its influence in increasing the interest in missions among our people and in adding a considerable sum to the receipts of the Board.

2. We recommend that the United Synod declare its appreciation of the Women's Forward Movement, expressing the hope that the women of the church may be so greatly blessed in their efforts in raising the $20,000 fund that they, with the whole church, may rejoice in the near future in its successful completion.

3. We recommend that the United Synod approve the election by the Board of Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland as missionary superintendent, and the provision made for the support of this officer of the Board.

4. We recommend that the United Synod, in answer to the item in the Board's report, "Woman's Missionary Societies," pages 4 and 5, 13 and 14 of these Minutes, adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the United Synod that the contributions of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies for Missions be not regarded as part of the congregational apportionments for Missions.

5. We recommend that the amendment of the Rules for the Japanese Mission, under the head of "Recalls," page 6, changing "will" to "may," be adopted, and that said rules and regulations thus amended be reaffirmed by this body.

6. We recommend that the amendment of Rules for Church Extension Work, suggesting the elimination of items 10 and 12, under "Donation and Loan Fund," be adopted, and said rules as thus amended be re-adopted.

7. We recommend that the United Synod express its great pleasure at the announcement that the First Lutheran Church, of Norfolk, Va., Rev. W. H. Riser, pastor, will become self-sustaining Jan. 1, 1907, and that the successful completion of this mission effort in this seaport city of the South should stimulate this body to increased devotion to our Home Mission work.

8. We recommend that the item in the Board's report, under the head "The Widening Home Field," be approved, and that the Board of Missions constitute the committee to confer with the Boards of the General Council and the General Synod on joint work in the territory described.

9. We recommend the adoption of the following items of the Board's report:

1. That the Rules and Regulations, presented in this report with respect to the management of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension, be adopted.

2. That $10,000 be apportioned to the Synods to be raised annually for Home Missions and Church Extension.

3. That $10,000 be apportioned to the Synods as the amount needed annually for the support of the mission in Japan.

4. The month of April be designated as Japan month in all the Sunday-schools of the United Synod.

5. That the month of June be known as Home Mission and Church Extension month in the congregations of the United Synod.

6. That the month of October be Foreign Mission month in the churches.

7. That the gift of Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim be considered as part of the Church Extension Fund, and that the United Synod record its grateful appreciation of this kindly act on the part of these beloved friends and generous patrons of the cause of missions in the United Synod.

8. That to the Board of Missions be committed the duty of electing a Missionary Superintendent in harmony with the spirit of the action of the United Synod at its last convention. (See Minutes of 1904, page 54, recommendation 1.)

9. That the earnest appeal of the Japan Conference in behalf of the mission school, as contained in the pamphlet herewith submitted, be considered with the careful and prayerful deliberation which the supreme importance of the cause demands, and that a special hour be designated for the discussion of this subject.

10. We recommend that the United Synod in reply to item 8 of the "Recommendations" of the Board, page 34, adopt the following:

Resolved, That the recommendation of our Japan Conference that a school be founded in Japan be adopted, and that the Board of Missions be authorized to inaugurate a movement to carry the work into effect.

11. We recommend that the United Synod authorize the Board of Missions to fill all vacancies occurring in said Board during the interim between this and our next convention.

12. We recommend the election of the following Board of Missions for the ensuing biennium: Revs. R. C. Holland, D. D., W. A. Deaton, W. L. Seabrook, W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., J. H. Murphy, and Mr. J. W. Eberly, Mr. R. W. Kime and Mr. John M. Lichtenwager.

13. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the United Synod expresses its hearty appreciation of the efficient and faithful services of the Board of Missions during the past biennium, especially its President.

L. L. SMITH,
G. H. COX,
J. C. MOSER,
J. A. B. SCHERER,
J. J. SCHERER,
J. F. FICKEN,
G. B. CROMER,
COMMITTEE.

It was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed at this session of Synod to report at the next session, if feasible, a plan for the readjustment of the several relationships of the present Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds ; viz., Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body and in response to the demands of the work.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. W. Strickler.

SEVENTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1906, 3 P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Greever.

On motion, the ladies were requested to permit us to print the Minutes of their Missionary Convention with our Minutes.

The Committee on the Report of the Publishing Committee submitted the following, which was considered by items and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

We recommend that:

1. The acts of this committee in this report be approved.
2. The recommendations *a*, *b*, *c*, *e* be adopted.
3. Instead of recommendation *d*, the following be adopted: "The said Publishing Committee be authorized and instructed to raise from the churches of this Synod annually, such sum in addition to the net income as may be necessary in publishing said *Lutheran Church Visitor* and conducting the publishing interests of the United Synod.
4. The recommendations as to Picture Charts 1 and 2 be adopted.

J. H. WILSON,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN,
ELON O. HENKEL,
R. L. FRITZ,
GEO. H. COX,
J. B. GREINER,
J. F. CLEMMER.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Your committee, appointed at the convention of the United Synod, held at New Market, Virginia, July 27-31, 1904, (see Minutes, page 117) begs leave to submit the following report:

1. Your committee organized by the election of Rev. W. L. Seabrook, chairman, and Dr. George B. Cromer, secretary.

2. That under the direction of your committee, acting under your instructions (Minutes of 1904, page 91, sec. b), the consolidation of *The Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper* was effected in accordance with the proposition of the United Synod Publishing Company, as presented to your body and recorded on pages 95 and 96 of the Minutes of 1904.

3. That carrying out your instructions (Minutes of 1904, item c, page 92) arrangements were made with the owner and publisher of the *Southern Lutheran* for the temporary continuance of its publication; that after a few months The United Synod Publishing Company purchased the said *Southern Lutheran*, and continued the publication of the same under the name *Tidings*.

4. That your committee carrying out your instructions (Minutes of 1904, page 92, item b) arranged with the United Synod Publishing Company to become the repository and distributing agents of the picture charts and other Sunday-school supplies.

5. That your committee was instructed by your body (Minutes of

1904, item a, page 92) "to devise ways and means to meet *the first payment on the picture charts*, and that it be authorized to make a loan for this purpose, if such loan be found necessary;" that this action of your body was taken in view of the terms of the contract entered into with the Stecher Lithographic Company, of Rochester, New York, whereby it was expressly agreed by said Lithographic Company that the first thirteen picture charts were to be delivered to the United Synod by *the first day of September, 1904*, and the only loan which your committee was authorized to make was of the sum of money necessary to provide for *the first payment on said charts*, to-wit, *for the first thirteen thereof, to be delivered by September 1, 1904*; that said first delivery was not made before September 1, 1904, and was not in fact made until December, 1904, when two sets of thirteen charts were received by the United Synod Publishing Company; that said sets were not consecutive, but one set belonged to the first series and one to the second; that your committee did not deem itself authorized to make a loan to pay for said charts thus received nor for subsequent sets, since delivered; and that nothing has been paid to the said Stecher Lithographic Company, and the whole amount of their claim remains unpaid, viz., the sum of $558.67.

That the set of thirteen charts belonging to Series A, for which the set of thirteen charts belonging to Series B was substituted in the first delivery to the United Synod Publishing Company, has never been received by the said distributing agents, and they have therefore been unable to supply the same to our Sunday-schools.

The account of the United Synod Publishing Company, acting as distributing agents of said charts, is herewith filed for your information.

6. That under the proposition of the United Synod Publishing Co., (Minutes of 1904, page 96) the said United Synod Publishing Company agreed "to give the United Synod an option at the end of four years to purchase the newspaper, its business and good-will, and everything pertaining thereto for the sum of $3,950 (thirty-nine hundred and fifty dollars) with the addition of whatever amount shall have been necessary for the successful conduct of the new paper."

That the said, the United Synod Publishing Company, on the 14th day of May, 1906, submitted to your committee a proposition according to the United Synod the privilege of anticipating this option and becoming the purchaser and owner of said paper, &c., at this time, said proposition being as follows:

"We hereby offer to the United Synod through you as its representative, the option, at its next meeting, at Dallas, N. C., July, 1906, to purchase the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, together with *Tidings*, and all the

allied publication interests of the United Synod, now in our possession, or under our control, for the sum of thirty-nine hundred and fifty dollars ($3,950), it being understood and agreed that the United Synod become the beneficiary of all of the outstanding accounts due to and that it assume all of the liabilities of the United Synod Publishing Company, upon the day of transfer; provided that, under the normal conduct of the business of the company, which the United Synod Publishing Company will place under your direct supervision when you shall have taken favorable action upon this proposition, the liabilities of the company as over against the assets shall not have been increased more than $300 over the amount indicated in the statement of the present assets and liabilities of the United Synod Publishing Company, herewith submitted.

Signed UNITED SYNOD PUBLISHING CO.,
W. H GREEVER, PRESIDENT,
C. A. FREED, VICE-PRES. AND BUS. MAN.,
W. P. HOUSEAL, SEC. AND TREAS.

Upon this proposition your committee adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, "That in the judgment of this committee it is advisable that the United Synod own and operate the publication interests of the United Synod, at present owned and operated by the United Synod Publishing Company. That the Editor and Business Manager be authorized to act as the agents of this committee in the continued effort to secure subscriptions which shall constitute a purchase fund of $3,950; that the success of the agents in securing the aforesaid sum of $3,950 will warrant this committee in recommending to the United Synod the acceptance of the proposition submitted at this meeting of the United Synod."

That the said agents have prosecuted the effort to secure such subscriptions with diligence, and in the limited time at their command have received the sum of $1,825 in bona fide and available subscriptions, which are subject to the call of your committee; and that the result of their canvass indicates that with more time at command the whole amount could probably have been raised prior to the meeting of the United Synod, and their partial success is the promise of complete success if the canvass for subscriptions shall be further prosecuted under the authority and direction of the United Synod.

7. In submitting its report, your committee expresses its appreciation of the faithful, earnest, and efficient work of the members of the United Synod Publishing Company, in giving to the United Synod as its organ a church paper that will compare favorably with the very best re-

ligious periodicals of this class published in any branch of the church.

8. Your committee wishes to call attention to an historic fact of greatest interest, not only to the Lutheran Church in the South, but to the whole American Lutheran Church. The foundation for all the publishing interests of our church was laid in 1806, by the Rev. Ambrose Henkel, and for just one hundred years the printing plant at New Market, Va., now operated by his grandsons, Henkel & Co., has been used to further the best interests of the Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO UNITED SYNOD PUBLISHING COMPANY.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following recommendations to be adopted by this body :

(a) That the United Synod accept the proposition of the United Synod Publishing Company, and become the purchaser of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, *Tidings*, and all the interests of the said United Synod Publishing Company, in accordance with the proposition of said Company made to the Publishing Committee, May 14, 1906.

(b) That the United Synod elect a Publishing Committee of five to whose management and control shall be committed the completion of said purchase and the conduct and management of all the publishing interests of the United Synod, not otherwise provided for.

(c) That said Publishing Committee be authorized to arrange for the systematic canvass of congregations and individuals to procure the additional sum of $2,125 to complete the purchase price of $3,950, and to provide the sum of $1,500 toward the expenses of publishing the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and conducting the publishing interests of the United Synod for the first year.

(d) That the said Publishing Committee be authorized and instructed to apportion and raise among the district Synods annually the sum of $1,500 to be used at the discretion of the committee in publishing said *Lutheran Church Visitor* and conducting the publishing interests of the United Synod.

(e) That said Publishing Committee shall be charged with the duty of electing the editor and the business manager of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and of defining their duties.

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO PICTURE CHARTS.

1. Your committee would recommend that the President and Treasurer of the United Synod be authorized and empowered to borrow the sum of $558.67 and pay the same to the Stecher Lithographic Company, of Rochester, New York, in discharge of the indebtedness of the United Synod to said company, as soon as the said company shall

have delivered to the United Synod or its authorized agents the set of thirteen charts necessary to complete the New Testament series.

2. That the Publishing Committee of the United Synod be instructed to use every possible means to sell the picture charts to the Sunday-schools of the United Synod.

W. L. SEABROOK,
GEO. B. CROMER,
R. C. HOLLAND,
C. M. EFIRD,
J. W. HORINE,
PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the transfer herein provided for be completed whenever said amount of $3950 shall have been raised, and be so certified by said Publishing Committee as paid to the United Synod Publishing Company, and receipt therefor shall have been duly executed to the United Synod Publishing Committee.

The following committee was appointed to nominate a Publishing Committee: Revs. J. A. Morehead, R. L. Fritz, and Mr. A. H. Kohn.

The Committee on Orphan Home Debt reported. Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PAY THE DEBT OF THE ORPHAN HOME.

Your committee begs to report:

1. A charter for the Home was secured, October 14, 1904, and was recorded in the office of the clerk of the court of Roanoke county, Va., October 22, 1904. A certified copy is herewith submitted as part of this report.

2. March 10, 1905, the corporation of this charter received the formal transfer of the Home—the children and all its assets.

3. The corporation, at this time, adopted certain fundamental principles for the government of the Home; which principles are to be a part of the rules and by-laws of the Home upon the approval of the United Synod, and will be presented by the Board to this Synod for adoption. A copy follows:

I. *Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of three, be appointed to prepare rules for the government of the corporation, said committee to report to the annual meeting of the corporation next preceding the meeting of the United Synod of the South, to be held in 1906, the

said rules to be submitted by the corporation to the United Synod for its approval; and, when approved, shall be effective.

II. *Resolved*, That the following six rules shall be a part of the report of said committee; and, pending the adoption of the said report by the United Synod, shall govern the corporation, to-wit:

1. The charter shall not be changed without the consent of the United Synod.

2. The Orphan Home and its curtilage, comprised in Sec. 19 of the Salem Improvement Co., cannot be sold or encumbered without the consent of the United Synod.

3. The corporation shall make reports to the regular meetings; and, if called upon, to special meetings of the United Synod; and the trustees shall make reports to the corporation annually, or as often as required.

4. The corporation shall carry out all the requirements of the United Synod, provided no such requirements shall violate the charter of the corporation.

5. Regular and systematic religious instruction shall be given the children, including Bible study and the Symbols of our church.

6. None of the five preceding rules shall be changed without the consent of the United Synod.

III. *Resolved*, That pending the adoption of the report of the aforesaid committee by the United Synod, the rules of the South View Orphan Home shall govern the corporation, except that the Treasurer shall make an itemized monthly report to the trustees of all receipts and disbursements.

IV.

Indebtedness, July, 1904	$16 156 03	
Accrued interest, May, 1906	992 44	$17 148 47
Expense of committee to date		390 59
Total balance to date		$17 539 06
Cash collected	$10 108 76	
Pledges not due	3 110 00	$13 218 76
Balance to be provided		$ 4 321 30

To this must be added accruing interest and expense of committee until the work is consummated.

V. The Synod is much indebted to Messrs. Moffett & Fox, attorneys, at Salem, Va., for valuable services gratuitously rendered in effecting the settlement of all legal questions pertaining to the Orphan Home, and should give to these gentlemen a formal expression of thanks.

J. H. WILSON,
L. A. FOX,
CHAS. K. BELL.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE "LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD."

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, L. A. Fox, F. V. N. Painter, J. P. Houtz, R. W. Kime, T. J. Shickel, H. S. Trout, D. B. Strouse, A. M. Bowman, and Paul S. Davis, together with the other members of the corporation (the names of all the members being set forth in Section "H"-2 following), do hereby associate ourselves to establish a corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of "An Act Concerning Corporations," which became a law on the 21st day of May, 1903, for the purposes and under the corporate name hereinafter mentioned, and to that end we do by this, our certificate, set forth as follows :

Section "A": The name of the corporation is : "The Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod."

Section "B" : Its principal office is to be located at Salem, Roanoke county, Virginia.

Section "C" : The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows :

(1) To have, hold, equip, maintain and conduct in Roanoke county, Virginia, a home for the orphan children hereinafter defined ;

(2) To maintain, train, and educate such children living within the territorial limits of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South," or elsewhere, as may come within the following conditions, giving preference to the order named :

(a) A child whose parents are both dead ;

(b) A child whose father or mother is dead ;

(c) A child whose parents are both living, but physically, financially, or otherwise unable to care for the child ;

(3) To have and maintain in connection with said home such instrumentalities as may be necessary to educate and train the children committed to the corporation.

Section "D": The number of Trustees who are to manage the affairs of the corporation shall be twenty.

Section "E": The names of the Trustees who are to manage the affairs of the corporation for the first year of its existence are L. G. M. Miller, Roanoke City, Virginia; H. S. Trout, Roanoke City, Virginia; Christopher Markley, Roanoke City, Virginia; F. V. N. Painter, Salem, Virginia ; L. A. Fox, Salem, Virginia ; T. J. Shickel, Salem, Virginia ; A. M. Bowman, Salem, Virginia; J. P. Houtz, Salem, Virginia; R. W. Kime, Salem, Virginia ; D. B. Strouse, Salem, Virginia; J. E. Cooper, Winchester, Virginia ; A. L. Henkel, New

Market, Virginia; J. P. Gose, Burke's Garden, Virginia; A. D. R. Hancher, Staunton, Virginia; H. F. Scheele, Staunton, Virginia; R. C. Holland, Charlotte, North Carolina; C. B. King, Charlotte, North Carolina; M. M. Kinard, Knoxville, Tennessee; Paul S. Davis, Salem, Virginia; and L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Virginia.

Section "F": The period for the duration of the corporation is not limited.

Section "G": The amount of real estate to which its holdings at any one time is to be limited is ten thousand acres.

Section "H": The corporation is vested with all the powers, duties, and obligations imposed upon such corporations by the fourth chapter of the said Act entitled "An Act Concerning Corporations."

Section "H"-2: The said corporation shall be composed of not more than twenty-five members, each of whom shall be a member of the corporation no longer than he is a regular member of some Lutheran church co-operating with and within the territorial limits of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South. The period of membership in the corporation shall be five years, except that the term of the persons hereinafter set forth in this section (who are the members of the corporation) shall be as follows:

T. J. Shickel, D. B. Strouse, A. L. Henkel, C. B. King, and J. H. Wertz—for one year.

H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, and Paul S. Davis—for two years.

L. G. M. Miller, J. P. Houtz, A. D. R. Hancher, C. B. Miller, and J. P. Gose—for three years.

F. V. N. Painter, A. M. Bowman, M. M. Kinard, S. L. Keller, and L. L. Smith—for four years.

L. A. Fox, Christopher Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, and R. C. Holland—for five years.

Section "H"-3: Vacancies occurring in the membership of the corporation, either by the expiration of the period of membership, or otherwise, shall be filled by themselves, making such selection, however, from the persons named by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South. All elections to fill vacancies except those occurring by expiration of the period of membership, shall be for the unexpired period of membership.

Section "H"-4: The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the corporation, and Trustees, shall be elected from the membership of the corporation by the members in meeting. The members of the corporation in meeting may remove any Trustee or other officer

elected or appointed by them respectively, or by the Board of Trustees, and fill the vacancy caused by such removal; but unless so removed, the Trustees and other officers shall continue in office until the expiration of the period for which they were respectively elected or appointed, and until their successors are elected or appointed.

Section "H"-5: The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such others as may be necessary, who shall be annually elected by the members of the corporation in meeting, except for the first twelve months of the existence of the corporation the officers shall be as follows:

President, L. G. M. Miller, Roanoke City, Virginia.
Vice-President, L. A. Fox, Salem, Virginia.
Secretary, F. V. N. Painter, Salem, Virginia.
Treasurer, Paul S. Davis, Salem, Virginia.

A majority of the members of the corporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section "H"-6: The officers of the corporation shall be the respective officers of the Board of Trustees; the corporation shall have a common seal, and the President and Secretary shall execute all necessary legal papers by order of the corporation, or the Board of Trustees, as the nature of the case may require. The members of the corporation in meeting may pass by-laws for the management of the affairs of the corporation and its Board of Trustees, not inconsistent with this charter or the constitution and laws of this State or of the United States.

Section "H"-7: The said Trustees hereinbefore set forth in Section "E", shall hold office no longer than they remain members of the corporation and regular members of some Lutheran church co-operating with and within the territorial limits of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South.

Section "H"-8: The said Trustees and their successors in office to a number not exceeding twenty, as a Board, shall fill vacancies in their own body, and in the officers of the corporation enumerated in Section "H"-4, from the membership of the corporation; provided, such vacancies occur otherwise than by removal by the members of the corporation in meeting. Vacancies, otherwise than by removal as aforesaid, in the other officers or agents of the corporation, may be filled by the Trustees outside of the membership of the corporation. Vacancies filled by the Board of Trustees shall be for the unexpired term.

Section "H"-9: The term of service of the Trustees shall be **five**

years, except that the terms of the Trustees hereinbefore named shall be as follows:

For One Year—T. J. Shickel, A. L. Henkel, D. B. Strouse, C. B. King.

For Two Years—H. S. Trout, H. F. Scheele, R. W. Kime, Paul S. Davis.

For Three Years—L. G. M. Miller, J. P. Houtz, A. D. R. Hancher, J. P. Gose.

For Four Years—F. V. N. Painter, M. M. Kinard, A. M. Bowman, L. L. Smith.

For Five Years—L. A. Fox, R. C. Holland, J. E. Cooper, Christopher Markley.

Section "H"-10: The Board of Trustees shall have power to remove from office any Trustee for neglect of duty or for immoral or other improper conduct, and shall remove any Trustee who ceases to be a regular member of some Lutheran church co-operating with and within the territorial limits of said Synod.

Section "H"-11: The said Board of Trustees may hold meetings either within or without this State, and of the time and place of meeting each Trustee shall have notice, the character and mode of which shall be fixed by the laws of the corporation. The said Board shall meet at stated times at the Orphans' Home, and at any such other time as it may determine upon. At any meeting of the Trustees, (7) shall constitute a quorum.

Section "H"-12: The Board of Trustees shall have all the powers vested by law in Boards of like character, and shall have charge of the affairs of the corporation and do all things necessary to carry into effect the interests, objects, and wishes of the corporation; provided such action is authorized by this charter, the laws of the corporation, and the laws of this Commonwealth. The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings, and shall make full reports to the corporation at the annual meeting and such other times as may be required by the corporation. It may require, from any salaried officer or agent, bond with security conditioned upon the faithful performance of duty.

Section "H"-13: Within the meaning of the purposes for which this corporation is formed, the word "orphan" shall be defined as

First, A child whose parents are both dead;

Second, A child whose father or mother is dead;

Third, A child whose parents are both living, but physically, financially, or otherwise unable to care for the child.

And within said meaning, the word "child" shall be defined as a person under the age of twenty-one years.

Section "H"-14: The said corporation shall, so far as allowed by law, have power to receive into its custody and retain under its control and management for such time as may be agreed upon in writing duly signed and acknowledged before any officer qualified to take acknowledgments of deeds, by the father, mother, or guardian (that is to say, the legal custodian of such child) any such orphan child as hereinbefore setforth. The children who shall so be received by the corporation shall from the time they are so received and until the expiration of the time agreed upon as aforesaid, unless sooner voluntarily dismissed by the corporation, and received by father, mother, or guardian, be free from the control of father, mother, or guardian.

Section "H"-15: The corporation is vested with all the rights of a parent, so far as allowed by law, over the orphan children committed to its care, and it may either (1) retain any such child in the Orphans Home, or (2) send the same to the public free schools of this State or other schools or colleges, or (3) secure for it a home or employment, or (4) apprentice or put it to service for a term of years, in either case as in the judgment of the Board of Trustees the welfare of the child may require. If a home or employment is secured, or if the child is apprenticed or put to service, the Board of Trustees shall require that it be humanely treated, and properly cared for, and the person with whom a child may be either so placed or bound, shall report to the Board of Trustees at stated periods to be named in the articles of agreement, the condition of the child, as well as the conduct of the same, and should such person fail to comply with the conditions of the agreement, the Board of Trustees shall immediately take charge of the child.

Given under our hands and seals this 14th day of October, 1904.

J. P. HOUTZ, (Seal)
F. V. N. PAINTER, (Seal)
L. A. FOX, (Seal)
R. W. KIME, (Seal)
T. J. SHICKEL, (Seal)
H. S. TROUT. (Seal)
D. B. STROUSE, (Seal)
A. M BOWMAN, (Seal)
PAUL S. DAVIS. (Seal)

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

Roanoke County, to-wit:

I, W. W. Moffett, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Roanoke county, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that L. A. Fox, F. V. N. Painter, J. P. Houtz, R. W. Kime, T. J. Shickel,

H. S. Trout, D. B. Strouse, A. M. Bowman, and Paul S. Davis, whose names are signed to the foregoing certificate of incorporation bearing date on the 14th day of October, 1904, have acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand as such Commissioner in Chancery, this 17th day of October, 1904.

W. W. MOFFETT,
Commissioner in Chancery.

VIRGINIA :

In vacation of the Circuit Court of Roanoke county :—

The foregoing certificate of incorporation of "The Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod" was presented to me, Henry E. Blair, Judge of the Circuit Court of Roanoke county, in vacation, and having been examined by me, I now certify that the said certificate for incorporation is, in my opinion, signed and acknowledged in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An Act concerning corporations," which became a law on the 21st day of May, 1903. I further certify that the persons signing and acknowledging it are of good moral character, and suitable and proper persons to be incorporated for the purposes set forth in the certificate for incorporation.

Given under my hand this 17th day of October, 1904.

HENRY E. BLAIR.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION.

BEVERLEY T. CRUMP, Chairman. HENRY FAIRFAX. HENRY C. STUART.

CITY OF RICHMOND, 20th day of October, 1904.

The accompanying certificate for incorporation, together with a receipt showing payment of the charter fee required by law, having been presented to the State Corporation Commission by L. A. Fox, R. W. Kime, T. J. Shickel, H. S. Trout, D. B. Strouse, A. M. Bowman, Paul S. Davis, and the Hon. Henry E. Blair, Judge of the Circuit Court of Roanoke county, having certified that the said persons signing said certificate are of good moral character and suitable and proper persons to be incorporated for the purposes therein set forth, and that the said certificate has been signed and acknowledged by said applicants in accordance with law, the State Corporation Commission, having examined said certificate, now declares that the said applicants have complied with the requirements of law, and have entitled themselves to a charter, and it is therefore ordered that the said L. A. Fox,

R. W. Kime, T. J. Shickel, H. S. Trout, D. B. Strouse, A. M. Bowman, Paul S. Davis, and their associates and successors be, and they are hereby, made and created a body politic and corporate, under and by the name of The Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod upon the terms and conditions, and for the purposes set forth in said certificate, to the same extent as if the same were now herein transcribed in full (pursuant to the provisions of An Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An Act concerning corporations" which became a law the 21st day of May, 1903) and with all the powers and privileges conferred and subject to all the conditions and restrictions imposed by law.

And said certificate, with this order, is hereby certified to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for record.

(Seal)

JOHN A. UPSHUR, CLERK. BEVERLEY T. CRUMP, CHAIRMAN.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

In the CITY OF RICHMOND, the 22d day of October, 1904.

The foregoing charter of The Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod, was this day received and duly recorded in this office, and is hereby certified to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Roanoke county, according to law.

D. Q. EGGLESTON,
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEATH.

I, D. Q. EGGLESTON, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Charter of The Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod, recorded in this office on the 22d day of October A. D. 1904.

Given under my hand and the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this the twenty-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, and in the one hundred and twenty-ninth year of the Commonwealth.

(Seal) D. Q. EGGLESTON,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

On motion, this committee was continued for the next biennium. Committee: Revs. J. H. Wilson, L. G. M. Miller, B. W. Cronk, C. K. Bell, and L. A. Fox.

Report of Corporation of the Orphan Home submitted. Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

The Corporation provided for by the new charter of the Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod met at Salem, Va., March 10, 1905; and received the property of the Southern Orphan Home (some time called the Lutheran Orphans' Home) at Salem, Va.

The rules prepared by your Synod's committee, appointed to secure the property to the United Synod and to conduct the canvass for raising money to pay the debt on the Southern Orphan Home, were adopted, pending the action of your body. These rules have been read in the report of that committee. At this meeting Rev. L. G. M. Miller tendered his resignation as president and Rev. L. A. Fox, the vice-president, was made president, and Col. A. M. Bowman vice-president.

The attention of your body is called to the facts that the charter provides for twenty-five members of the Corporation, each of whom shall be a member of the Corporation no longer than he is a member of some Lutheran church co-operating with and within the territorial limits of the United Synod. The period of membership in the Corporation shall be five years, except that the term of the persons now members shall be divided into five classes, holding office for one, two, three, four and five years.

Vacancies occurring in the membership of the Corporation either by the expiration of the term of membership or otherwise are filled by the Corporation from persons named by the United Synod (Sec. H-2 and Sec. H-3.)

The term of five members expires at this meeting of the Synod and five more one year hence. It will be necessary for the Synod to nominate at least five to be elected by the Corporation at the first meeting after your adjournment and five to be elected at the meeting in 1907.

The Board of Trustees had two meetings, one in March, 1905, and the other in June, 1906. At the former meeting, Prof. J. T. Crabtree was elected Superintendent for one year. He was re-elected for a like term at the latter. His report to the Board was printed in full in the *Orphan Home Messenger*. By permission it has been read to your body and copies distributed among your members.

One of the rules proposed by your committee and adopted by the Corporation provided for a committee to be appointed by the Corporation to formulate rules for the management of the Home to be sub-

mitted to this meeting. It was agreed that the rules of the Southview Orphan Home should be in force until you had proposed others. The meeting of the Corporation called for this time and place could not be held for the lack of a quorum. In lieu of the rules to be submitted to your body by the Corporation the old rules are herewith presented. These rules were adopted by the old Board to meet conditions as they were learned by experience. It may be a question whether good working and workable rules can be formed in any other way.

The Board of Trustees appointed an Executive Committee composed of the officers of the Corporation with one additional member to audit all accounts before they are paid, and to transact all other necessary business between the sessions of the Board.

I may be permitted to say from personal observation that the management of the Home has been very satisfactory.

During the year there were several bequests. Particulars in regard to them can be found in the report of the superintendent. That of Mrs. Roedel, the widow of Prof. W. D. Roedel who was one of the founders of the old General Synod, South, deserves special mention, and also that of Miss Cole who bequeathed her entire estate to the Home.

In launching the Home under the new charter there were necessarily some irregularities, but hereafter we hope to have regular meetings and regular reports.

L. A. FOX,
PRES. CORPORATION.

It was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to nominate at least *ten* to the corporation of the Orphan Home for membership in it, five to be elected at the next meeting of the corporation and five at the meeting in 1907.

Committee: Revs. W. J. Smith, W. R. Brown, and Mr. J. W. Jenny.

The Committee on Letters reported. Pending its consideration, report was recommitted.

Synod then entered into an election to determine the *place* of the next meeting of this body, and the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., was chosen.

The following Publishing Committee was nominated and elected:

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, to nominate a Publishing Committee for the ensuing biennium, beg leave to report as follows: Revs. W. L. Seabrook, J. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D., LL. D., and J. W. Horine, D. F. Efird, and Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD,
A. H. KOHN,
R. L. FRITZ.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the thanks of the United Synod be cordially tendered to Mr. John A. Cline for his able and unselfish aid in serving the Board of Missions as Treasurer.

2. That the Secretary be instructed to convey to Messrs. Moffett & Fox, of Salem, Va., the hearty thanks of this Synod for important legal services rendered in behalf of our Orphan Home.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. H. Kohn.

At 8:30 p. m., altar service was conducted by Rev. S. C. Ballentine. Sermon by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers from Matt. 20, 28.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1906, 9 A. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. E. H. Kohn.

Minutes of the sessions of yesterday read and approved.

Tuesday before the second Sunday in October, 1908, at 8 p. m., was chosen as the *time* of next meeting of this Synod.

The Report of the Publishing Committee was submitted, and finally adopted, with the following resolutions:

1. That to the conserving of the best interests of the publishing cause of the United Synod, it is of the highest importance that it own and operate its own publishing house.

2. It is the sense of this Synod that it own as soon as practicable its

own printing plant, if the same shall be approved by Publication Committee.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, A proposition has been laid before this committee, by private parties from Columbia, respecting the purchase of a property in said city for the purpose of furthering the publication interests of this Synod :

Resolved, That having heard and considered the aforesaid proposition, this committee report it with its approval to Synod, and request that its acceptance be authorized.

W. L. SEABROOK, CHAIRMAN.
July 13, 1906. GEO. B. CROMER, SECRETARY.

The Committee on District Synods reported. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SYNODS.

Your committee find nothing in the Minutes of the District Synods claiming the special attention of this body. The Minutes are interesting reading. They reveal a spirit of progress and development on all lines of Christian activity, most gratifying. On the subject of missions and church extension, we note increasing interest and, for their support, growing liberality. We recommend :

1. That the United Synod request the Secretaries of the District Synods to furnish biennially to this body a list of the missions under the care of their Synods with suitable statistics for incorporation in the Minutes of the United Synod.

2. That a statistical secretary be appointed who shall report to this body.

W. C. SCHAEFFER,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
J. W. EARGLE.

Under recommendations of this report, Rev. Geo. H. Cox was elected Statistical Secretary.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Synod submitted the following report, which was adopted, with the answers affixed :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

We, your Committee on Minutes of Last Convention of this Synod, beg to report as follows :

1. On page 58, we read that a committee, consisting of the Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., was appointed to represent this body on joint committee in arranging for another conference of representatives of the Lutheran bodies of this country. Has this committee any report?—(See report following this report.)

2. On page 116, we find that the various Synods were requested to set apart two Sundays in each year—Whit-Sunday for Foreign Missions, and the second Sunday in November for Home Missions—for receiving missionary offerings, and that the Board furnish special envelopes for this purpose. Has this been done? Yes.

3. On page 124 is a record of a paper on "Divorce and Remarriage" which was printed in Minutes for consideration at this convention. Is the Synod ready to consider this at this time? No; and paper ordered printed in Minutes.

4. On page 125, we find that notice was given that at this meeting a motion will be made to change Article V. of the Constitution, which calls for the election of officers immediately after the reading of the President's Report, so that the election will be postponed until the last session of Synod. Will this resolution be offered? Answered, No. Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS,
E. L. WESSINGER,
W. R. BROWN,
N. F. SNARR,
JOHN C. SEEGERS,

REPORT ON GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Your representative on the Joint Committee on General Conferences, said committee being composed of one member from the General Council, one from the General Synod, and one from the United Synod, would report that during this biennium the committee thought it inadvisable to call another conference. This conclusion was the result of the probability of the meeting of the World's Conference of Lutherans in the United States, and for other reasons. The committee in view of conditions will meet in the near future to consider the question of calling another conference. As your representative, I would suggest that our action of two years ago (see Minutes of 1904, page 56) be reaffirmed, and that this United Synod heartily enter into calling another conference.

L. L. SMITH,
Representative of the United Synod on Joint Committee.

Adopted.

Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., was reappointed our representative on the Joint Committee of General Conference.

The following paper on Divorce was ordered to be again printed in our Minutes:

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the perview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church cannot but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as Churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to inculcate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps also for willful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living. Therefore no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God himself—that is by the death of one of the parties.

The following paper from the Woman's Missionary Convention was read:

To the United Synod of the South,

DEAR BRETHREN:—Whereas the women of the Missionary Conference of the United Synod have pledged themselves to unfaltering effort in behalf of the $20,000 movement until such time as the original purpose shall have been accomplished; and in consideration of the fact that $10,000 of this amount, when realized, will be devoted to the much-needed school for Japan, and since the probable contributors to this fund can best be reached through the aid of the pastors; therefore,

Resolved, That expressing grateful appreciation of the sympathetic support extended by this body in the furtherance of this movement in the past, we beg that it will take such action as in its wisdom will best secure the personal interest and co-operation of each pastor of this United Synod in having a special offering made to this fund at the Christmastide, this being the season decided on by this conference for special effort in behalf of this movement.

MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. R. C. HOLLAND,
COMMITTEE.

It was

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the reading of the foregoing letter from the Ladies' Missionary Convention, and that the requests made therein be referred to the Mission Board of this Synod for action.

The following was submitted and adopted on Committee on Common Book of Worship:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Your committee would report the following:

We have carefully examined the financial exhibits contained in the report of the Committee on Common Book of Worship and all vouchers handed us in connection therewith, and find the same to be correct.

We would recommend that the statements made by the committee respecting its efforts in pursuance of a resolution passed by this body at its last session, touching the preparation and publication of a music edition of the Book of Worship be construed as a report of progress, and that the committee be instructed to continue its work in this direc-

tion, looking to the time when the Synod shall deem itself financially able to undertake the work of presenting to our congregations a completed music edition; and that our pastors and congregations be advised to procure and use in the meantime "Church Song" containing the "Chorister's Index" now being prepared by Mr. Opp and referred to in the report of the committee.

We further recommend that the four recommendations of the committee be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
H. L. BONHAM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report:

A meeting of the committee, following the adjournment of Synod, was held in New Market, Va., on July 31, 1904. The committee organized by the election of J. W. Horine, chairman. The transactions of the committee may be grouped under three heads: 1. Old Edition of Book of Worship; 2. Hymnal; 3. New Edition of Book of Worship.

1. OLD EDITION OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

In view of the adoption of the Hymnal prepared by the Joint Committee as the Hymnal of the United Synod (Minutes of 1904, page 49, par. 4), and in view of the instructions to your committee (page 49, par. 5) that they have the Hymnal printed, "provided that it can be printed in a form which will admit of its being bound with the first part of the present Book of Worship, and provided further that the committee can make the necessary financial arrangements," the chairman of the committee was authorized, as a first step, to make a loan for the United Synod; make settlement with Mr. E. H. Aull, and thus terminate the existing contract.

In pursuance of this authorization, the chairman entered into communication with Mr. Aull and received from him a detailed statement of his present stock of bound copies and folded sheets. A committee resident in Newberry was appointed to make an inventory of the stock, but as the books were already boxed for shipment to whatever point your committee might direct, the Newberry committee recommended, after conferring with Mr. Aull, that the statement submitted by him be accepted as correct. This report was deemed satisfactory, and on October 11, 1904, the chairman of your committee gave a note, signed by him as chairman of the Common Service Committee of and for the United Synod and endorsed by Mr. John F. Ficken, to the South

Carolina Loan and Trust Co., of Charleston, S. C., for $348.08. On the same date Mr. E. H. Aull was handed a check for the said amount in settlement of his contract and as purchase price of his stock of Book of Worship, both the bound copies and those in sheets. The statement of Mr. Aull, receipted by him, is as follows :

NEWBERRY, S. C., AUG. 2, 1904.

COMMITTEE COMMON SERVICE, J. W. HORINE, *Chairman*,
TO ELBERT H. AULL, *Superintendent*.

39	Copies Jap. Limp, Pulp. comb . . . . . @	$1 52	$59 28	
5	Copies Eng. Turk. Ex. Gilt . . . . . @	1 21	6 05	
25	Copies Eng. Turk. Pulp. comb. . . . @	2 28	57 00	
15	Copies Arabesque Gilt, Pulp. comb. . . @	1 18	17 70	
18	Copies Ara. Gilt, Pulp. comb . . . . . @	75	13 53	
7	Copies Eng. Calf, Small comb . . . . @	2 15	15 05	
37	Copies Jap. Limp, Small comb. . . . . @	95	35 15	
29	Copies Eng. Turk. Small comb. . . . @	1 45	42 05	
2	Copies Eng. Turk. Small comb . . . . @	1 45	2 90	
				$248 71
	Royalty 1 copy Eng. Turk. . . . . $	10		
	2 copies Jap. Limp	20		30
480	Folded sheets, 24 Mo. . . . . @	15	$72 00	
16	Folded, sewed and sprinkled . . . . @	20	3 20	
4	Sewed and edges gilded . . . . . @	27	1 08	
46	Sewed for cloth binding . . . . . @	20	9 20	
43	Folded and sewed, 24 Mo. . . . . @	33	14 19	
				99 67
				$348 68

Upon securing possession of the books, sheets, and stereotype plates, your committee negotiated with the United Synod Publishing Co., Columbia, S. C., and entered into an agreement with them whereby they should act as agents and distributors of the Book of Worship, receiving therefor a commission of 4 per cent. on the amount of all sales made by them, and being reimbursed by this committee for all expenses of insurance, wrapping, shipping and other incidentals of sale, the said agreement to remain in force until this present meeting of the United Synod. The aforesaid agreement received the signatures of both parties on Oct. 12, 1904, and the books were delivered by Mr. Aull to the said United Synod Publishing Co., who at once advertised them and placed them on sale at a reduced price agreed upon by your committee in view of the expected appearance of the

Hymnal, which should form the second part of a new edition of the Book of Worship. From time to time, as the publication of the Hymnal neared completion and when it eventually appeared, further reductions in the selling price were made in the effort to close out the old stock.

The stereotype plates of the Book of Worship, together with the sheets reported by Mr. Aull, being in the possession of the Everett Waddey Co., Richmond, Va., who had been printing and binding the Book of Worship, your committee entered into correspondence with said company and contracted with them to continue the work of publication. As need arose, the books in sheets held by them were bound up and shipped to the United Synod Publishing Co. The following exhibit will show the transactions of your committee in this regard to date :

THE COMMON SERVICE COMMITTEE
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVERETT WADDEY CO.

Bills rendered and paid.

Dec. 3, 1904.	Binding 100 copies	$11 00
Jan. 17, 1905.	Binding 300 copies	39 00
Apr. 27, 1905.	Binding 126 copies	24 86
Oct. 11, 1905.	Binding 22 copies	3 30
Feb. 21, 1906.	Shipment of plates	1 00
		$79 16

The above receipted bills accompany this report.

THE COMMON SERVICE COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE UNITED SYNOD PUBLISHING CO.

(*Condensed from* (4) *statements filed herewith.*)

OCT. 18, 1904, TO JAN. 18, 1905.—SALES BOOK OF WORSHIP.

282 copies	$105 85
Amt. uncollected	26 75
Cash receipts	$79 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Check to E. W. Co	$11 00	
Check to J. W. Horine (for E. W. Co.)	39 00	
Freight, postage, and commission	8 82	
Total expense	58 82	
Balance due committee		$20 28

JAN. 21 to JUNE 20, 1905.—SALES.

380 copies	$170 05
Amt. uncollected	20 25
Cash receipts	$149 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Check to E W. Co	$24 36	
Adv'g, postage, etc	30 74	
Total expense	55 10	
Balance due committee		$94 70

JUNE 20 TO OCT. 19, 1905.—SALES.

71 copies	$58 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Check to E. W. Co	$ 3 30	
Other expenses	9 46	
Total expense	12 76	
Amt. due committee		$45 69

OCT. 19, 1905, TO JULY 1, 1906.

Sales		$16 09
Expense	8 15	
Amt. due committee		$7 94

RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED SYNOD PUBLISHING CO.

Jan. 23, 1905	$20 28
June 20, 1905	94 70
Oct. 9, 1905	45 69
July 1, 1906	7 94
Total receipts	$168 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on Note in Bank.

Oct. 11, 1905	$116 23	
Oct. 26, 1905	45 69	
	$161 92	
Balance		$6 69
Check in hand		7 94
Error in favor of committee		$1 25

It will be seen from the above statement that there remains $186.16 (not including accrued interest to date) to be paid on the note in bank. Provision should be made for the payment of this note inasmuch as proceeds from sale of left-over stock of old edition will be insufficient.

PRESENT STOCK.

The present stock of the old Book of Worship is as follows:

Large Edition.

Arabesque, gilt, single	29
Arabesque, gilt, comb	1
Jap. Limp, comb	39
Eng. Turk, comb	21
Total	90

THE OLD PLATES.

When the contract for publishing the new Book of Worship was given a Philadelphia concern, the Everett Waddey Co., by order of your committee (January 9, 1906), shipped the old plates of both the small and large editions to that city. The plates of the first or service part of the 24 mo. book were used in the publication of the new edition. The plates of the first or service part of the 12 mo. book are being reserved for future use in the publication of a pulpit edition. The old plates of the hymns were condemned and ordered to be melted and the metal sold. The proceeds from this sale will be placed to the credit of your committee.

In leaving this subject we call your special attention to the fact that royalties on sales have ceased to be paid. The present Book of Worship is published by your committee, and all profits accruing from sales will flow into the treasury of this body.

2. HYMNAL.

A meeting of the Joint Committee on a Common Service was held in the city of Philadelphia on Sept. 9, 1904. A representative of your committee was present. The principal business before the meeting was in connection with the new Hymnal and with the request of this Synod to obtain and publish the same. It may be well at this place to review the history of this request. It may be learned from the following transcripts of the various minutes of the Joint Committee, referring to the publication of the Hymnal by this body, and the relation of the other general bodies to it.

June 11, 1902. "Dr. Voigt spoke of great desire for the Hymnary on the part of the churches of the South."

November 5, 1902. "The Secretary was authorized to answer the committee of the United Synod thus: The committee has substantially completed its lists of hymns; it remains to settle the text of the hymns and to re-examine the whole; and the committee hopes that its work may be ready for submission to the three General Bodies a year hence; but it would not be proper for the committee to assent to its publication without the authorization of the bodies they represent."

April 21, 1903. "The committee reported the MS. of the Hymn-book."

April 22, 1903. "The committee adopted a statement or report to be laid before the three General Bodies in which the following words occur: 'The MS. of the Hymn-book has been completed and a synopsis and index of it are herewith submitted, with a statement of the principles which have governed its preparation and of the sources from which it has been derived. Your committee does not ask for your final approval of the Hymn-book, but has submitted it at this time because the committee of the United Synod has urgently asked permission to print it for the use of the churches of that body. Unable to grant this request, the Joint Committee hereby reports it to the General Bodies with its approval.'"

At the meeting, then, held in Philadelphia, Sept. 9, 1904, it was reported that the three General Bodies had approved the request of the United Synod to be allowed to print the Hymnal for its use. The following action was thereupon taken:

"It was resolved that the President and Secretary are authorized to hand the MS. to the committee of the United Synod to be printed for the use of the churches of that body, and are directed to state to that body in writing that this MS. has not been offered for final action to the two Northern bodies."

"That a copyright of this Hymn-book, if printed, be secured in the name of the *Joint Committee, for the use of the General Bodies.*"

"That our approval of the text is conditioned on the committee having seen and approved the proofs before stereotyping. That copies of the final proof be sent to the Secretary and be by him distributed to the members of the committee, and that a meeting of this Joint Committee be called for a date not less than two weeks afterwards."

It was also resolved that "the first proofs are to be read by the subcommittee" appointed for that purpose, and that "the Secretary is directed to charge to the two Northern bodies the necessary expense of keeping the proofs in type."

In accordance with the first of the above resolutions, the President of the Joint Committee, the Rev. Dr. E. J. Wolfe, and its Secretary, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, under date of Dec. 15, 1904, notified your committee that the MS. of the Hymnal was at their disposal under the conditions annexed, i. e., the conditions contained in the series of resolutions mentioned above.

In anticipation of this event, your committee, several months previously, had entered into correspondence with three publishing firms, calling for bids for the publication of the Hymnal and Book of Worship. The terms offered by the Publication Board of the General Council, Philadelphia, Pa., were the most advantageous. They were accepted. The estimate for making the electrotype plates (submitted on Sept. 23, 1904,) is as follows:

Plates made from hand set type	96c. per page.
Plates made from machine set type	73c. per page.
Alterations in type	65c. per hour.
Alterations in plates	75c. per hour.
Plate boxes	80c. per box.
Cash 2 per cent. in 30 days.	

The machine set type was judged sufficient for our purpose, the work was awarded, and the MS. was promptly turned over to Mr. C. B. Opp, manager of the Publication Board. The first proof (95 hymns) was received several months later, and new bundles of proof were received at like long intervals. The causes of delay were various and vexatious. Some of them, in the circumstances, were unavoidable. Finally, however, on Dec. 27, 1905, a complete proof copy of the Hymnal was issued and placed in the hands of the committee for examination and review.

Allowance having been made for the two weeks provided for by resolution, the Joint Committee met, at the call of the Secretary, in Philadelphia, Jan. 22, 1906. A representative of your committee was in attendance. The Hymnal was subjected to a rigid scrutiny, hymn by hymn and page by page, and some changes in the hymns (nine or ten) were suggested and made. The word *Hymnal* was substituted for the word *Hymns* on the title page. A table of hymns which had been prepared, was adopted. It was ordered that two copies of the complete book, when published, should be furnished each member of the committee at the committee's expense; and it was furthermore informally agreed that the book should go before the entire church as "the Hymn-book of the United Synod, prepared by the Joint Committee and published for the use of the United Synod by permission

of the General Bodies, although not yet finally adopted by those bodies."

NEW EDITION OF THE BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Having received assurances from Mr. C. B. Opp, manager of the General Council Publication House, that the work would be done at the lowest possible prices consistent with good workmanship, he was given an order to print an edition of 3,000 copies of the Book of Worship, containing the Hymnal, on selected paper, bind 2,500 copies in cloth with half leather back, and reserve the remaining books in sheets for other styles of binding. This order was given on Feb. 26, 1906. On April 6, 1906, a first installment of 500 copies was received at Columbia, S. C., by the United Synod Publishing Co , who had been retained as distributing agents of the new book at a commission of 5 per cent. These books were used to fill orders already filed. The remainder of the edition was delivered within a few weeks, the last lot having been shipped on or about the first of May.

Meanwhile, on March 12, 1906, an order was placed with the publishers for 500 copies in the better styles of binding, viz.:

SINGLE VOLUME.

100 copies in Arabesque, gilt.
100 copies in Eng. Turk., ex. gilt.

COMBINATION SETS.

100 copies in Eng. calf.
200 copies in Eng. Turk., ex. gilt.

These books were received and placed on sale shortly before Whitsunday.

The expense in the production of this edition of 3,000 copies was as follows:

Composition, electrotyping, etc. (less 2 per cent.)	$ 378 09
Paper, printing, and binding (cloth) (less 2 per cent.)	697 14
Special bindings, 500 copies, (less 2 per cent.)	593 90
Incidental expenses	15 00
Total	$1684 13

The above expense of publication has been fully met. The receipted bills accompany this report.

The receipts of your committee have been:

From United Synod Pub. Co. (sales)	$ 700 00
Loan from Otto Tiedeman, Sr	378 09
Loan from Otto Tiedeman, Sr., (discounted note)	584 70
Personal check of chairman	9 20

Personal check of chairman	7 25
Personal check of chairman	4 89
Total	$1684 13

To Mr. Otto Tiedeman, Sr., who advanced the funds to pay the printer's bills, is due from your committee and this Synod our grateful thanks. To him the chairman gave two notes; one for $378.09, payable in one year without interest, and one for $593.90, at regular rate of interest and payable in 90 days.

The following is the statement submitted by the United Synod Publishing Co., July 1, 1906.

SALES OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Cloth (half leather) copies	2026
As premiums of United Synod Publishing Co., copies	16
Total	2042
Arabesque, gilt	26
Turk. Morocco, single	16
Turk. Morocco, comb	18
Brown calf	8
Mouse calf	6

AMOUNT OF SALES.

Cloth	$1213 60
Arabesque, gilt	21 00
Turk. Moroc., single	32 25
Turk. Moroc., comb	49 60
Brown calf	24 60
Mouse calf	19 10
Total	$1360 15

COLLECTIONS.

Cloth	$851 60
Arabesque, gilt	1 00
Turk. Moroc., single	7 50
Turk. Moroc., comb	7 00
Total	$867 10
Amount uncollected	$493 05

EXPENSES.

Drayage	$ 2 55
Express	35 56

Freight	13 83
Postage	4 19
Wrapping paper	1 25
File for accounts	3 00
Advertising	5 00
Insurance of stock	13 20
Commission	42 92
Total	$121 50
By (4) checks	700 00
	$821 50
Cash receipts	867 10
Due committee, July 1, 1906	$ 45 60

A check for amount due committee accompanies this report.

The stock of Book of Worship (new edition) on hand July 1, 1906, is as follows :

STYLE OF BINDING.	COPIES.
Cloth	458
Arabesque, gilt	75
Morocco, single	83
Morocco, combination	182
Brown calf, combination	42
Mouse calf, combination	44

Your committee has fixed the following schedule of prices :

STYLE OF BINDING SINGLE VOLUME.	PER COPY RETAIL PRICE.	PER COPY SPECIAL PRICE TO CONGREGATION ORDERING 12 COPIES OR MORE.	PER COPY TO DEALERS.
Cloth	$ 75	$ 60	$ 55
Arabesque	1 00	80	70
Morocco	2 50	2 00	1 75
COMBINATION.			
Morocco	3 50	2 80	2 50
Calf	4 00	3 20	2 75

In lots of 12 to 49, carriage extra ; 50 to 100, carriage prepaid.

NOTE.—The special discount is allowed to dealers on the distinct understanding that the cloth copies purchased by them are not to be rebound in the more expensive styles and sold by them at advanced prices.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The imprint of the new Book of Worship (on the title page of both the Service and Hymnal) is that of the committee. It is changed to

"Charleston, S. C.:
Committee of United Synod on Common Book of Worship.
1906."

The copyright of the Hymnal is that of the Joint Committee. It reads :

Copyright, 1906, by
The Joint Committee in Trust for the General Bodies.
All rights reserved."

It was found advisable to insert the appendix (Constitution of United Synod) at the end of the Service half of the Book instead of after the Index of Hymns

On request of Mr. C. B. Opp, Manager of the General Council Publication House, permission was given to insert the imprint of the General Council Press on the reverse side of the title page. Your committee is deeply indebted to Mr. Opp for expert advice and many favors. He has given his personal attention to the work and has accomplished it in a manner highly creditable to himself and entirely satisfactory to your committee.

A special price was quoted the United Synod Publishing Co. on the cloth edition for a limited period, in order that a copy of the Book of Worship might be offered as a premium to new subscribers to the *Lutheran Church Visitor* at the regular subscription rate.

The Joint Committee sustained a severe loss in the death of its President, the Rev. E. J. Wolfe, D. D., LL. D , which occurred at Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 10, 1905. He is succeeded in the presidency by the Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D. D., of Philadelphia.

The Joint Committee is still engaged in the work of preparing Common Ministerial Acts. The work has progressed but slowly. There seems to be a disposition, however, to prosecute it more diligently. When the various Orders are ready to be reported to the General Bodies and have been adopted by them, we will have at least a truly Common Book of Worship—Service, Acts, and Hymns.

This report would be incomplete without an acknowledgment of our sense of obligation to the Rev. Edward T. Horn, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of the Joint Committee, for his invaluable counsel and constant aid in the preparation and publication of the Hymnal and Book of Worship. The chairman alone, perhaps, knows the full extent of our indebtedness to him.

The chairman of this committee reports that in the discharge of his duties he has incurred the following expense :

Postage	$ 4 54
Freight and Drayage	1 85
Traveling exp. to Philadelphia and return	25 00
Personal check (3)	21 34
Total	$52 73

At the New Market meeting of this Synod, this committee was instructed "to prepare music for our Hymnal and report at our next meeting a plan for publishing the same" (Minutes of 1904, page 53). On account of the late appearance of the Hymnal and the fixing of the text of the Hymns, your committee was not able to carry out your instructions. Permit us to add, that in looking more closely into the task you had assigned us, your committee was fairly staggered by its difficulty and magnitude. For this reason we take the liberty to suggest that the duty of preparing a music edition, if such be the pleasure of the Synod, be referred either to an enlarged committee or to a special committee appointed for that purpose. We are confident, however, that Synod will not proceed to publish a music edition until there are on hand sufficient funds to warrant the undertaking. An idea of the expense involved may be gathered from the following estimate, which we submit for your information. In answer to a note of inquiry, Mr. Opp writes: "Regarding the edition with music, I assume that the Liturgic portion, as well as the Hymn portion, is to be set with music, thus necessitating a uniform price per page throughout. With this understanding, I called on a music typographer and obtained a quotation of about $2.50 or $2.75 per page, dependent somewhat on the size of type used. Thus a book of, say, 800 pages at $2.50 per page, will be in the neighborhood of $2,000. The cost of copyright of tunes would have to be added, and that amount might be much or little according to the value set upon tunes secured by copyright by the owners thereof."

When we remember that the quoted price of $2,000 is the initial cost—that of plates alone—and that the cost of copyrights, paper, presswork and binding must be added, and when we remember that your committee has been obliged to contract a debt of about $,1000 which is still outstanding, we venture to express the hope that Synod will not issue mandatory instructions to this committee to proceed immediately to the preparation and publication of a book with tunes. It may, however, not be out of place to say that Mr. Opp, for the General Council Publication House, is having prepared for "Church Song" (a book of hymn tunes compiled and edited by the late Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss) a Chorister's Index for our Book, as well as such addi-

tional tunes as are needed for meters found in our Book of Worship and not already provided for in Church Song. The retail price of the book is $1 per copy and postage 12c., and by the dozen 80c., not prepaid. This price would put a complete and very excellent music book in the reach of all our congregations and go far toward supplying the present and urgent demand.

There is also a growing demand for a pulpit edition, or at least a book printed in larger type. Mr. Opp writes that the cost of composition and electrotyping the large size book would be at the rate of $1.20 per page for the hymn portion; for the index and tabular matter, $2.20 per page. The cost per copy for paper, presswork, and binding would be approximately as follows:

Roan, Arabesque, plain	$ 75
Roan, Arabesque, gilt	85
Imitation Morocco	1 30
Full Morocco	2 50

It will be seen from these figures that the publication of the large size would require an outlay of not less than $2,000 for even a limited edition. In the judgment of your committee, without presuming to instruct the Synod, an edition of the large size should be issued as soon as your committee sees its way clear, financially, to do so.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We respectfully recommend to this Synod:

1. That the acts of this committee be approved, and that Synod thereby endorse the obligations assumed by this committee in the publication of the Hymnal and Book of Worship, as per the instructions of Synod.

2. That for the present, or until the next convention of this Synod, the money received from the sale of books be allowed to remain in the hands of the committee to defray expense of publication.

3. That the unpaid balance on the note in bank ($186.16) executed to make settlement with Mr. E. H. Aull, be paid out of proceeds from sales of present Book of Worship.

4. That the bill of expense rendered by the chairman of this committee, be ordered to be paid by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HORINE,
L. A. FOX,
R. C. HOLLAND.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. to-day. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Brown.

NINTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1906, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D.

The Committee on Literary Institutions reported. Report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Literary Institutions, would report as follows:

NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

The semi-centennial of the founding of Newberry College has been marked with the signal blessing of God. A fine gymnasium was completed during the year, and a $10,000 building for the new department of Technology is now under construction. The equipment now includes five college buildings proper, three professors' residences, and a boarding hall for students. Last April, Dr. D. K. Pearsons offered $25,000 to the further endowment of the college, on conditions that will assuredly be fulfilled. Thirty friends of the institution have joined in adding $20,000 to the endowment, and this amount is now bearing interest. Mr. Andrew Carnegie in April gave $10,000 to the technical department, which was founded a year ago chiefly through the active generosity of Capt. Jacob Paulsen, of Savannah. The number of students has increased during the last biennium from 164 to 211, the largest enrollment in the history of Newberry College. The current receipts for the year just closed show a total of over $12,000 as against $7,000 two years ago. The faculty has been strengthened until it now includes a teaching force of eleven and a librarian. The constituency of the college has widened, and the curriculum has been raised and broadened. The college is owned and controlled by the Synod of South Carolina, whose loyalty is deserving of the highest praise. The service which Newberry has rendered to the church at large may be gathered by a glimpse at the roll of the present session of the United Synod. And the institution has obviously entered upon a new era of service to the church, as this brief report will indicate.

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

The progress of Roanoke College during the past biennium has been symmetrical and quite noteworthy. The entrance requirements have been raised. The faculty of the college has been enlarged, the number of professors and instructors now being fifteen. A new depart-

ment of education has been established to give expert training in pedagogy in response to the growing demand upon the college to furnish men well equipped for the profession of teaching. The movement to raise $50,000 additional endowment to provide new professorships is receiving much encouragement. The friends of the college are fully determined to provide the $35,000 necessary to secure Mr. Carnegie's gift of $25,000. This body must rejoice in the fidelity with which the two synods in Virginia are standing by Roanoke College in its struggle for entrance upon an era of far wider usefulness. The past session, the college achieved an enrollment of 202 resident students—the largest in its history. But while emphasizing educational efficiency and while encouraged by its growing work, Roanoke College stands above all for *Christian* education under the care of the Lutheran Church. The recently issued catalogue of Alumni indicates that Roanoke has sent forth 569 graduates, of whom 158 have entered the ministry, 26 have become college presidents and professors and principals of seminaries, 58 have become teachers and superintendents of schools, and the others have entered the various other useful vocations of life. In the distinguished service of more than half a century, given by Roanoke College to the church and to the country, our entire United Synod will rejoice.

LENOIR COLLEGE.

Lenoir College is owned and controlled by the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

Lenoir College is a Christian college, in the fullest sense—Lutheran. A special feature is the provision for the teaching of religious studies. A *Chair of Bible and Religious Studies*, giving full courses in Bible, Catechetics, Bible History, and lectures on the Augsburg Confession having been established. Students from Lutheran homes are required to take these courses.

In Lenoir College there is co-education under the very best conditions. Oakview Hall, the young women's dormitory, is situated apart in a beautiful grove, and has all the modern comforts and conveniences; such as, electric lights, hot and cold water, and steam heat. One of the professors superintends this building, and with the help of the resident lady teachers cares for the young ladies.

The faculty consists of eleven able and experienced professors and teachers. Over 200 students. Four buildings—the large Main Building, Oakview Hall, Highland Hall, and the new dormitory for young men which will be completed by December. This building will accommodate 100 students. The college congregation is beginning the

erection of a college church on the campus to cost not less than $7,000.

The location of Lenoir College is *ideal.* No death or serious case of sickness among students for past 15 years. *No malaria.* In a Lutheran center—three Lutheran congregations in town, and practically all the congregations in surrounding county are Lutheran. In one of the best and most solidly and rapidly growing cities of the great Piedmont section of North Carolina.

The past two years have been marked by growth and development along all lines. The constituency of the college is rallying to her support as never before. There is greater interest, deeper sympathy, earnestness and determination. Recently several considerable bequests and gifts have been received.

One of the most encouraging facts is the readiness with which our wealthy men have furnished the money for the erection of the new dormitory.

The outlook for Lenoir is decidedly encouraging.

MARION FEMALE COLLEGE.

This oldest of our female schools closed its 34th year with increased attendance in all departments. There is a faculty of eleven teachers. Special instruction in Bible History and Luther's Catechism is given. The principles controlling the policy of Marion are in accord with sound pedagogy and sound religion. The instruction is safe and sound.

MONT AMOENA SEMINARY.

This school during the past year, has been successful and bright prospect for next session. Thorough instruction is given, and the students have wholesome religious influences.

THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This school, at Mt. Pleasant, N. C., has enjoyed a prosperous year, under the management of the co-principals, Rev. H. A. McCullough and Prof. G. F. McAllister. The school has the confidence of a growing constituency.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE

Is devoted entirely to the education of young women. It has students from many States upon its roll.

It is worthy of the moral support of the United Synod. The continued efficiency and growing importance of this noble institution for the higher education of women commends the college to our most favorable consideration and hearty support.

The visitor appointed by this body at its last convention will report further on this institution.

M. M. KINARD,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
E. H. KOHN,
J. W. SMITH.

The official visitor to Elizabeth College reported. Report adopted :

REPORT OF OFFICIAL VISITOR TO ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

Since my appointment as Official Visitor to Elizabeth College at the meeting of the United Synod at New Market, Va., I have endeavored to keep in such touch with that institution as would enable me to make a correct report concerning the same at this meeting. I have visited the college on several different occasions, have interviewed the President, and have read the college journal and catalogue. This splendid institution continues to prosper. From year to year it adds to its equipment and increases its efficiency, keeping fully abreast with modern ideas and methods of education. The high standard of character and ability maintained in the teaching force in the college and in the conservatory of music commends this institution to the most favorable consideration and to the hearty support of this Synod. During the nine years of its history Elizabeth College has had twelve hundred students, representing all the District Synods of the United Synod and five of the other general bodies of the Lutheran Church in America. This college, while not under the control of the Lutheran Church, is doing a valuable service for the Lutheran Church in America, and particularly in the South. This institution merits the continued hearty endorsement and support of the United Synod ; and it is to be hoped that some time in the future it will pass into the control of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER.

The following was adopted on President's Report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

First of all, the President properly acknowledges our indebtedness to our Heavenly Father for the opportunity of this meeting of our Synod.

Then, he calls attention to the evidence of our progress during the past few years, in the completion of the Memorial Endowment, in the gratifying success of the effort to meet the indebtedness of the Or-

phan Home, in the progress of the Women's Forward Movement and the Mission League, in the vast development of the work in Japan, and in the extension of the work at home.

He lays before us cheering information as to Roanoke, Lenoir, Newberry and Elizabeth College, in the improvement and additions in their buildings, the enlargement of their endowment, and increased attendance in students.

Another gratifying fact is the merging of our church papers into one, the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, the official organ of the United Synod.

The President reminds us that much yet remains to be done to meet the calls of mission work in all of our fields, in securing friends and funds for our colleges, and a better support for our church paper and literature, and upon all these a distinctive church character must be placed. The President makes no recommendations, and, with him, your committee leaves our various church interests in the hands of the committees having them in charge.

We add only this, that a hearty, unanimous co-operation on the part of each synod, congregation, and individual will be effectual in molding all parts into a solid whole.

Submitted by committee,

J. B. GREINER,
J. E. SHENK,
J. L. DERRICK,
G. S. BOWERS,
ELON O. HENKEL,
J. N. GNANN.

NOMINEES FOR ORPHAN HOME CORPORATION.

Your committee, appointed to nominate members of the corporation of the Orphan Home, nominate the following for five years:

1906—T. J. Shickel, D. B. Strouse, A. L. Henkel, Paul Sieg, and J. Frank Clemmer.

1907—H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, and Paul S. Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SMITH,
W. R. BROWN,
J. W. JENNY.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 3,500 copies of the Minutes of this Synod printed at the lowest price consistent with good work and prompt service; and that he receive $25 in token of our appreciation of his services.

The report on Church Literature was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Church Literature would report that the several items requiring attention at their hands have already been acted upon under consideration of other reports.

We desire, however, to call the attention of the church to the duty of heartily supporting the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, that they may be able to do the work for which they are eminently suited in their respective spheres. The church must avail itself of all the means at hand of disseminating church news among its people, in order to awaken an intelligent interest in all the various enterprises in which the United Synod is now engaged.

R. A. YODER,
C. B. KING,
W. H. GREEVER,
J. P. STIREWALT,
A. G. WISE.

The following reports on Theological Seminary were adopted:

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, appointed by the last convention of the United Synod, met promptly and organized by the election of the following officers: President, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.; Vice-President, Rev. J. W. Wilson, D. D.; Secretary, Col. John F. Ficken; Treasurer, Hon. C. M. Efird.

WORK OF THE SEMINARY.

Attendance during the session of 1904-5, 12 students, 6 Seniors, 3 Middle, and 3 Juniors. At close of session, 7 students were sent out, 6 graduates and 1 certificate of two years' work.

Attendance session 1905-6, 8 students, 3 Seniors, 2 Middle, 3 Juniors. At the close of session 3 graduated. In the biennium, 10 were sent out, all of whom are doing faithful work within the bounds of the United Synod.

RESIGNATION.

On the 22d of November, 1904, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., resigned the chair of "Exegetical and Historical Theology," the resignation to take effect December 31 of the same year.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors, held December 15, 1904, the resignation was accepted, and the Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., was elected to fill the vacancy. Dr. Miller accepted and began work April 1, 1905. In the interim from January to April the dean, Dr. Voigt, assisted by the Charleston pastors Rev. J. W. Horine, Dr. Koerner, and Dr. Scherer, carried on the work.

Dr. Miller was formally inducted into his office October 4, 1905, the President of the Board conducting the services. Last year the dean, Dr. Voigt and Dr. Miller with the assistance of Rev. J. W. Horine and Rev. W. A. C. Muller gave instruction according to prescribed course. All the property of the Seminary is maintained in good repair.

By the action of the last convention of the United Synod the Board was vested with full power to sell all the land with the buildings thereon situate in the town of Mt. Pleasant, S. C., if the opportunity offered. This matter received the serious consideration of the Board and was found impracticable. No advantageous sale could be made. No purchaser offered. We recommend that this resolution be continued of full force and effect until further action by the Synod.

FINANCES.

Treasurer Hon. C. M. Efird's last Annual Report:

1905. To balance		$ 531 90
1906. To interest collected and cash received from Treasurers of South Carolina, Virginia, and Georgia Synods to May, 1906		3408 82
		$3940 72

EXPENDITURES.

From May, 1905, to May, 1906	$ 3527 81
By balance	$ 412 91

The total amount of securities constituting Endowment Fund is $31,789.32.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The receipts from the invested fund being insufficient to meet expenses, we recommend the same annual synodical apportionment as adopted at the last convention, as follows:

North Carolina Synod	$133 00
Tennessee Synod	100 00
South Carolina Synod	143 00
Virginia Synod	120 00
Southwestern Virginia Synod	87 00

Georgia Synod	66 00
Holston Synod	17 00
Mississippi Synod	5 00

Respectfully submitted, THE BOARD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Report of the Board of our Theological Seminary is so full of interesting facts and suggestions that your committee finds little to do. The Seminary has done and is doing an indispensable work for our Southern Church. It demands our hearty support. Calling attention to the two recommendations made, viz., that the Board be authorized to sell the present Seminary property when a purchaser is found, and that the apportionment among the Synods for the support of a Professor be continued, we recommend the adoption of the report as a whole. Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX,
J. H. WILSON,
J. A. CROMER,
J. F. CLEMMER,
A. D. WESSELL.

The following resolution, adopted by the Seminary Board, was adopted also by the Synod :

Resolved, That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day, as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

Rev. W. H. Greever was, on motion, elected official visitor to Elizabeth College.

The Committee on Letters submitted the following, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Into the hands of this committee the following documents have been placed :

1. From Rev. G. U. Wenner, D. D., a uniform blank for Parochial Reports, to secure greater exactness in Lutheran statistics.
2. A letter concerning the contract for Sunday-school charts.
3. Credentials of the fraternal delegate from the General Council.
4. A letter from the Treasurer of Synod, informing its President

that a check had been received for $10,000, bequeathed by Mr. Cover.

5. Letters of invitation for the next meeting of this Synod from Holy Trinity church, Augusta, Ga., and St. Paul's, Wilmington, N. C.

Items 2, 3, and 4 having been acted upon, need no further consideration.

Your committee recommend:

1. That the Parochial blank be referred to the Secretary of Synod, with power to act.

2. That the letters of invitation be acted upon, under the item fixing the time and place of next meeting.

3. That the Synod emphasize by the adoption of this item its grateful appreciation of Mr. F. P. Cover's bequest of $10,000, and expresses the hope that many will be induced to imitate his example.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. MARKS,
PAUL SIEG,
N. D. BODIE,
O. B. SHEAROUSE.

It was

Resolved, That the thanks of this United Synod are due and are hereby extended to the pastor and members of the church of the Holy Communion, and to the people of Dallas in general for the most generous hospitality with which they have entertained the Synod during this largely attended convention, and that the President of the Synod make known this action to the congregation in this church next Sunday.

The thanks of the Synod were, on motion, extended to the railroads and newspapers for courtesies extended to us, and especially the *Charlotte Observer*.

The following was adopted:

REPORT OF FRATERNAL VISITOR TO GENERAL COUNCIL.

It is with profound regret that I have only to report that the duty imposed upon me by the last convention of this body was not discharged. My only excuse is that, not being present at last meeting and having read the Minutes hurriedly, my appointment as fraternal visitor to the General Council entirely escaped my attention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER.

Rev. J. B. Greiner reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

I accepted with full appreciation the appointment as Delegate to the General Synod and intended to attend. At a late date, it became impossible for me to attend. J. B. GREINER.

The President of Synod was, on motion, instructed to write these general bodies explaining why no delegates were in attendance upon their sessions.

Committee on Common Book of Worship was constituted as follows: Revs. J. W. Horine, L. A. Fox, and A. G. Voigt.

It was

Resolved, 1. That the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod.

Resolved, 2. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

A special vote of thanks was tendered Rev. C. L. Brown, and all who assisted him, in providing the exhibit of Japanese curios at this convention, and a collection was taken to help to defray the expenses of the same.

Rev. L. L. Smith, by a rising vote, was appointed to prepare a suitable tribute to the memory of Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., so long connected with the work of our church in the South.

The Secretary was instructed to insert advertisement of our Theological Seminary on cover page of Minutes.

Rev. R. C. Holland, in the name of the Synod, to extend thanks to the American Bible Society for exhibit at this convention.

Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved, after which the Synod was formally closed.

Saturday, 8:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Lutheran Church.—11 a. m., sermon by Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., sermon by Rev. J. W. Horine.

Presbyterian Church.—11 a. m., Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.; 8:30 p. m., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.

Christ Church, Stanley, N. C.—11 a. m., Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Tenth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, N. C., July 10–15, 1906.

S. T. HALLMAN, SECRETARY.

Spartanburg, S. C.

VISITING MINISTERS.

The following visiting ministers were present during the sessions of Synod, and invited to seats as advisory members:

Revs. G. D. Bernheim, D. D., Walter C. Davis, V. R. Ridenhour, K. Y. Umberger, S. P. Koon, J. P. Price, D. A. Sox, J. W. Nease, V. R. Stickley, J. W. Strickler, J. P. Miller, S. C. Ballentine, C. K. Pless, W. B. Aull, T. B. Epting, C. W. Kegley, W. A. Lutz, W. J. Boger, Wm. L. Darr, J. D. Shealy, J. Allen Arndt, D. B. Groseclose, C. L. Miller, F. K. Roof, E. J. Sox, M. Q. Boland, Paul Bischoff, G. E. Long, H. A. Kistler, Chas. K. Bell, J. H. C. Fisher, Gilbert O. Voigt (theological student), C. I. Morgan, Brady L. Stroup, E. C. Cronk, Jas. F. Deal, W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Ed. L. Ritchie, John Hall, J. M. Center, E. L. Lybrand, and George A. Romoser.

(Appendix A.)

CONSTITUTION, CHARTER, BY-LAWS, RULES OF ORDER,

— AND —

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

— OF —

THE UNITED SYNOD

June 26, 1886, to July 15, 1906.

CONSTITUTION.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

I. NAME.

The name of this body shall be The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

II. DOCTRINAL BASIS.

The Doctrinal Basis of the organization shall be :

1. The Holy Scriptures, the Inspired Writings of the Old and New Testaments, the only standard of doctrine and church discipline.

2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures in regard to matters of faith and practice, the three Ancient Symbols, the Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith ; also, the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz.: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, consisting of the Epitome and Full Declaration, as they are set forth, defined, and published in the Christian Book of Concord, or the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, published in the year 1580 (see the Epitome, *Of the Compendious Rule and Standard*, and the *Solid Declaration—Preface*), as true and Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession, and in the perfect harmony of one and the same pure, Scriptural faith.

III. Object and Aim.

The object and aim of the United Synod shall be outward expression of the spiritual unity of the Synods concerned; mutual strengthening in faith and confession; unification of all Lutherans in one orthodox faith, and mutual co-operation in the promotion of the more general interests of the Church; as, books of worship, liturgies, theological seminaries, charitable institutions, immigrant missions, foreign missions, and important home missionary operations.

IV. Components of the Body.

1. This body shall consist of delegates from all Evangelical Lutheran Synods, having adopted this Constitution, who may present themselves properly accredited by the presiding officers of their Synods.

2. These delegates shall be chosen in the following ratio: one Minister and one Lay-Delegate for every one thousand communicants or fraction thereof.

3. A majority of the delegates elected, provided a majority of the Synods are thereby represented, shall constitute a quorum.

V. Officers.

1. The officers of the United Synod shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot. Ministers alone shall be eligible to the offices of President and Vice-President, but both clerical and lay delegates to those of Secretary and Treasurer. No one shall be elected President for more than two conventions in succession.

2. The President shall act as chairman of the convention. He may give his opinion, and, whenever the delegates shall be equally divided upon any question, he shall have the casting vote. He shall subscribe all letters, written advices, resolutions, and proceedings of the body. In extraordinary cases, and by request of any one of the Synods belonging to this organization, made known to him in the form of a synodical resolution, he may call special conventions of the body, of which not less than six weeks' notice shall be given.

3. If, for any cause, the President is unable to discharge his duties, the Vice-President shall take his place.

4. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of this United Synod, and write, attest, and take care of all its documents. He shall also make known the time and place of meetings through the Church papers, published within the bounds of the body, at least three months beforehand. In case of special conventions, such as provided for in Section 2 of this Article, he shall make known the time and place of meeting as soon as informed by the President. Should the

duties of the Secretary become too burdensome for one person, the President, at his suggestion, may appoint an assistant Secretary.

5. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipts and expenditures of the body. He shall give receipts for all funds put into his hands. He shall make no disbursements except by resolution of the United Synod, and upon the written order of the President attested by the Secretary. At every convention he shall render an account.

6. Should any officer of this body, in the interim of its regular conventions, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable of executing the same, then the other officers shall appoint some capable and faithful man to serve in his place until the next regular meeting—save in the case otherwise provided for in Section 3 of this Article.

VI. Powers.

The powers of this body shall be only of advisory and recommendatory character in all matters, except such as pertain to the general interests or operations of the Church, as already indicated in Article III. In regard to these it shall be invested with such powers as the Synods composing it may delegate to it. In its operations it shall not interfere with the legitimate work of the Synods in its connection.

VII. By-Laws.

This body shall make such By-Laws as it may deem necessary. No By-Law, however, shall be adopted which conflicts with any article of this Constitution.

VIII. Amendments.

1. The Doctrinal Basis of this Constitution shall ever remain unaltered.

2. No alteration of other parts of this Constitution shall be made except with the consent of two-thirds of the Synods connected with this organization. An exact copy of the intended alterations must be sent by the Secretary to the Presidents of the District Synods in connection with the body, with the request that they submit them to their respective Synods for decision. If, at the next convention, it shall appear that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alteration, it shall be declared adopted.

CHARTER OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

[STATUTES AT LARGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, VOL. XX, PAGE 784.]

No. 512. AN ACT to incorporate the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South :

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same ; that all those persons who now or may hereafter become members of the " United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South " be, and the same are hereby, declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of " The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

SEC. 2. That the said society shall be able and capable in law and equity to have, hold, and receive, enjoy, possess, and retain, all such property, real and personal, as they may now be possessed of or in any wise entitled to, or which shall have been or shall hereafter be given, bequeathed, or in any way acquired, and to sell, alien, or otherwise part with the same or any part thereof, as they shall deem proper or expedient.

SEC. 3. That the said society shall by its proper name have succession of officers and members, to be chosen according to the rules and by-laws made or to be made for its government and direction ; and shall have power and authority to make rules, regulations, and by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the land, and to have, keep, and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter at will : to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law ; and to have and enjoy all the rights and privileges incident or belonging to incorporated bodies.

Approved December 24, A. D., 1890.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER.

BY-LAWS.

I. On assembling at the time and place, the regular service shall be used, and the Synodical Sermon delivered by the President of the former Convention, or, in his absence, by some one appointed by him.

II. The Holy Communion shall then, after Confession and Absolution, be administered, first to the members of Synod, and afterwards to the members of the congregation.

III. The Synod shall then be organized in the manner provided in Article V. of the Constitution, and a majority of all the votes present shall be necessary for the election of officers.

IV. Members and delegates from other Evangelical Lutheran Synods or General Bodies may be received, and tendered the privilege of participating in the deliberation and discussions. Members of other ecclesiastical organizations may, on motion, receive recognition, by being invited to seats.

V. No member shall absent himself during the entire term of the Convention without permission from the Synod, nor from its daily sessions without permission from the President.

VI. Order of Business for Daily Sessions.

FIRST SESSION.

1. Reception of Credentials of Delegates, and enrollment of members.
2. Hearing the President's Report.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reading the Rules of Order.
5. Application of Synods for connection with the United Synod.
6. Reading or referring Minutes of last Convention.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Reception of Documents, etc., from District Synods, or from other sources.
9. Appointments of Standing Committees.
10. Reports of Standing Committees.
11. Reports from Theological and Literary Institutions.
12. Proposition, discussion, and disposal of Resolutions.

SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

1. Calling the Roll.
2. Reading and approval, or correction of Minutes.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Special Committees.
6. Reports of District Synods on Home Missions.
7. Resolutions.
8. New or Miscellaneous Business, in the order indicated by the President.

VII. On the second evening after the opening of the Convention, the regular Missionary meeting shall be held.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. No subject shall be discussed without a motion or resolution thereupon, presented in writing, and seconded.

II. When a member wishes to speak on any question before Synod, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President. He shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration, and shall avoid all personalities and improprieties of language, and whilst so doing shall not be interrupted except with his own consent, and for the purpose of explanation.

III. At the request of any member, a proposition containing two or more distinct points may be divided, the vote on the several points taken separately.

IV. Every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by Synod.

V. No amendment shall be entertained that is not relevant to the subject under consideration, and no amendment beyond the second degree shall be in order.

VI. When a question is before Synod, no motion shall be received, except

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. To take the question without further debate.
4. To postpone indefinitely.
5. To postpone to a special time.
6. To commit or amend.

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order above arranged.

VII. A motion to adjourn is always in order, except when a member has the floor and is speaking.

VIII. The motion to adjourn shall be decided without debate.

IX. Debatable motions, until decided, shall preclude all discussion of the main question.

X. Amendments may be offered at any stage of a question.

XI. When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be entertained again during the convention, except on motion for reconsideration by a member who voted with the majority ; which motion shall take precedence of all others, except that to adjourn.

XII. A motion may be withdrawn at any time, with the consent of the Synod, before decision or amendment.

XIII. No member shall be permitted to speak the second time so long as any other member, not yet having spoken may desire to do so.

XIV. A member, when called to order by the Chair, shall take his seat ; but he shall have the right of appeal to Synod, and a decision thereupon shall be made without debate.

XV. The yeas and nays shall be taken and recorded on any question, when requested by three members of the Convention.

XVI. In filling blanks, the largest sum, the highest number, or the longest time named, shall be voted on first.

XVII. The President shall decide all questions of order ; but any member may appeal from his decision, and such appeal shall not be discussed, except when growing out of a debatable motion before the Convention.

XVIII. The President shall have the right to speak on any question before the Convention, provided, as hereby authorized, he appoint some member to perform the duties of the Chair whilst thus temporarily vacated.

XIX. The President shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise directed by Synod.

XX. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at each Convention :

1. On President's Report.
2. On Minutes of Last Synod.
3. On District Synods.
4. On Devotional Exercises.

5. On Theological Seminaries.
6. On Literary Institutions.
7. On Missions.
8. On Treasurer's Report.
9. On Letters and Petitions.
10. On Church Literature.
11. To nominate visitors to other general bodies.

These Rules shall be read by the Secretary before the Convention, immediately after its organization, and may be modified, amended, or abolished at any session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

FROM JUNE 26, 1886, TO JULY 15, 1906.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses* : That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled:* That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board ; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Accepts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board:* That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension ; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled? (1904, p. 117) : That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod, upon the nomination of the officers of the district synod concerned.

Board, How Constituted, (1906, p. 46) : That the Committee on Missions nominate the Board of Missions, and that the Board be constituted of one member from each district synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions, (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work.

4. 1904, p. 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised*: That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the district synods, beginning with this convention, and that such district synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

5. 1904, p. 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated:* That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasion of the Educational address to the Theological Seminary; on the occasion of the Missionary address to the Mission Board of the United Synod; and that due announcement be made beforehand of these offerings.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary:* That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid:* That the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution:* We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

Appendix B.

THE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

OF THE

UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

FIRST DAY.

DALLAS, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1906.

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod of the Southern Lutheran church convened at Dallas, N. C., July 12th, at 9:30 a. m., with Mrs. W. F. Morehead as chairman.

After singing hymn No. 80, "I am Thine, O Lord," the Consecration Service No. 8, in the United Service, was used. After a few moments of silent prayer, Hymn No. 83, "More Love to Thee, O Christ," was feelingly sung.

The enrollment of members of the different synods and visitors was made during the morning session and placed on record.

ENROLLMENT.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Miss Martha Ritchie,
Mrs. Fannie E. Corriher,
Mrs. D. D. Barrier,
Miss Carrie Cook,
Mrs. F. D. Patterson,
Mrs. J. E. Shenk,
Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef,
Mrs. R. C. Holland,
Mrs. G. H. Hartman,
Mrs. M. L. Yeager,
Mrs. H. A. McCullough,
Mrs. Charles B. King,
Mrs. J. Q. Wertz,
Mrs. J. H. C. Fisher,
Mrs. G. D. Bernheim,
Mrs. S. H. Hearne,
Mrs. J. A. Thom,
Mrs. Laura Moser,
Mrs. W. D. Rock,
Miss Jennie Patterson.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. J. A. Bringman,
Mrs. L. A. Fox,
Mrs. W. F. Morehead,
Mrs. John O. Kizer.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. W. J. Smith,
Mrs. Frank Clemmer,

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Miss Bettie Coon,
Mrs. Lucy Cansler,
Mrs. S. A. Mauney,
Mrs. A. E. Cline,
Mrs. D. C. Mauney,
Miss Vera Mauney,
Mrs. Lydia Fox,
Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour,
Mrs. Frank Carpenter,
Mrs. Vertie Isenhour,
Mrs. E. L. Mason,
Miss Mabel Little,
Miss Emma Jenkins,
Miss Ida Rhyne,
Mrs. McAllister,
Mrs. R. L. Fritz,
Mrs. W. H. Little,
Miss Euphemia Robinson,
Miss Ella Jervis,
Mrs. F. O. Davis,
Mrs. C. K. Bell.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Mrs. J. C. Seegers,
Mrs. Kate Eargle,
Mrs. C. E. Weltner,
Mrs. Henry Frey,
Mrs. M. S. Habenicht,
Miss Amelia Habenicht,
Miss Lulu Habenicht,
Miss Ellen Hendrix,
Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer,
Miss Gertrude Oxner,
Mrs. C. M. Efird,
Miss Lucile Efird,
Miss Fannie Oswalt,
Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Miss Dora Kinser.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk,
Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer,
Miss Hattie Gray.

The business of conference was called in the following order:

The question of general organization was discussed by the following: Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer, Mrs. L. A. Fox, and Mrs. J. Q. Wertz, with quite a number joining in the general discussion.

A motion being made that we effect a general organization, a rising vote was taken and the organization effected.

The President then appointed a Committee on Organization as follows :

Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer of the South Carolina Synod.
Mrs. J. Q. Wertz of the North Carolina Synod.
Mrs. L. A. Fox of the Southwestern Virginia Synod.
Mrs. R. A. Yoder of the Tennessee Synod.
Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer of the Georgia Synod.
Mrs. W. J. Smith of the Virginia Synod.
Miss Dora Kinser of the Holston Synod.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That our Committee on Organization be instructed to consult with the President of the United Synod and the President of the Board of Missions in the framing of a constitution.

Next in order was the discussion of the Forward Movement by the following : Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer, Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, and Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The following women pledged themselves to do all in their power for the Forward Movement in their respective synods:

Mrs. J. F. Moser of the Tennessee Synod ; Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer, and Miss Hattie Gray of the Georgia Synod ; Mrs. C. B. King, Mrs. R. C. Holland, and others of the North Carolina Synod.

The amounts contributed to date by the different synodical bodies to the Woman's Forward Movement : South Carolina Synod, $1842.47 ; Holston Synod, $40.28 ; Tennessee Synod, $551.65 ; Virginia Synod, $1123.64 ; North Carolina Synod, $1261.64 ; Southwestern Virginia Synod, $850 ; Georgia Synod, $268.95 ; Mississippi Synod, $39.

Special gifts received at this meeting : Mrs. Cover, $100 ; Miss Ellen Hendrix, $5; Mr. L. M. Hoffman, $10 ; collection from Synod, $15.

The following committee was then appointed to prepare

a memorial to the United Synod for valued assistance in the Forward Movement: Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps and Mrs. R. C. Holland.

The question of "Our Woman's Missionary Department or something better to take its place," was discussed by the following: Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, and Mrs. J. Q. Wertz.

The morning session adjourned, pending further discussion, Rev. E. C. Cronk leading in prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was opened by the singing of a hymn, and prayer by Rev. S. C. Ballentine. A prayer service was then conducted by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

An interesting talk on Japanese customs was given us by Mrs. C. L. Brown.

The Report of the Committee on Organization and Constitution was read, received, and considered by item.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

The name of this gathering shall be the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the South.

AIM.

The aim of this conference shall be to cooperate with the United Synod in carrying out the command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this conference shall consist of delegations from all the synods of the United Synod. Each synod shall be entitled to one delegate for every two thousand members of the synod or fraction thereof.

These delegates shall be elected by the Synodical Missionary Societies, where they exist. In other synods, the Executive Committee

of the Woman's Missionary Conference shall have the power to appoint delegates.

MEETINGS.

This conference shall meet biennially at or near the time and place of the United Synod.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Reporting Treasurer.

ELECTIONS.

The officers shall be elected at the biennial conference.

THE DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The duties of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and the Corresponding Secretary shall be those usually pertaining to those offices.

Sec. 2. The Reporting Treasurer shall keep account of the moneys that are reported to her by the different synodical societies, or other organizations of this conference, and report from time to time as necessary.

COMMITTEES.

(*a*) *Executive Committee.*—The officers of the conference shall be an Executive Committee for the transaction of business.

(*b*) *Literature Committee.*—There shall be a Literature Committee, composed of the chairmen of the literature committees of the respective synodical societies, together with one member from each synod not thus represented.

(*c*) *Committee on Extension.*—There shall be a Committee on Extension, appointed by the President.

AMENDMENTS.

This constitution can be amended at any regular meeting of the Missionary Conference by a three-fourths vote; provided that such amendment or alteration has been proposed at a previous meeting and published in the *Visitor* one month before the meeting.

MRS. J. A. B. SCHERER,
MRS. L. A. FOX,
MRS. J. Q. WERTZ,
MRS. W. C. SCHAEFFER,
MRS. W. J. SMITH,
MRS. R. A. YODER,
MISS DORA KINSER,
COMMITTEE.

The report adopted as a whole.

The Conference then proceeded to elect the following:

OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.
Vice-President, Mrs. J. Q. Wertz.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. K. Bell.
Reporting Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer.

The subject of a General Day of Prayer was next discussed by Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. J. A. Thom, and Mrs. Kate Eargle.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we observe the first day of Lent as a day of special prayer for missions and our missionaries.

The following was moved and adopted:

That the noon hour be observed by the women of the conference for prayer.

At this point the business was suspended in order to hear Rev. C. L. Brown explain the missionary exhibit.

As the hour for adjournment had passed, it was decided to hold an extra session of the conference on the following day, and after a collection taken to defray the expenses of moving the missionary exhibit the conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 13, 1906.

The morning session was opened by the singing of "I love to tell the story" and the use of the service "Christian Fellowship," in the United Service, led by Mrs. J. Q. Wertz.

The minutes were then read and approved.

The following committees were appointed :

Extension Committee—Mrs. L. A. Fox, Chairman, Mrs. H. A. McCullough, Miss Ellen Hendrix, Mrs. R. A. Yoder, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Mrs. Lunar Nease, Mrs. Laura Beaver.

Literature Committee—Mrs. M. S. Evans, Chairman, Mrs. A. W. Winecoff, Mrs. Kate Eargle, Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer, Miss Dora Kinser, Mrs. C. L. Miller, Mrs. J. H. Wyse.

A letter from the General Synod has been received, requesting a delegate from our body at their next meeting in May. It was moved and adopted that we send a delegate to this body. Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer was elected as the delegate.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, 1. That we approve of the Woman's Missionary Department of the *Visitor*, and pledge the editors our hearty cooperation.

Resolved, 2. That appreciating the arduous duties of Mrs. Kreps, and how impossible it is for her to give her personal attention to the arrangement of the matter sent her, and the proof reading, that we request Miss Amelia Habenicht to supervise this part of the work.

A standing vote of thanks from the conference was tendered Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps for her efficient work in this department.

The following motion was adopted :

Resolved, That the members of the Literature Committee of the conference confer with the members of Synod about the publication of our minutes with the minutes of the United Synod of the South.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL TO THE SYNOD.

To the United Synod of the South,

DEAR BRETHREN :—WHEREAS, The women of the Missionary Conference of the United Synod of the South have pledged themselves to unfaltering effort in behalf of the Twenty Thousand Dollar Movement, until such time as the original purpose shall have been accomplished ; and in consideration of the fact that ten thousand dollars of this amount, when realized, will be devoted to the much needed school in

Japan, and since the probable contributors to this fund can best be reached through the aid of the pastors; therefore,

Resolved, That expressing grateful appreciation of the sympathetic support extended by this body in the furtherance of this movement in the past, we beg that it will take such action as in its wisdom will best secure the personal interest and cooperation of each pastor in this United Synod in having a special offering made to this fund at the Christmas tide, this being the season decided upon by this conference for the special effort in behalf of this movement.

MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. R. C. HOLLAND,
COMMITTEE.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That Christmas day be adopted as a day for the women of the United Synod to make a special offering to the $20,000 Fund.

The program for the day was now entered upon. Topic: Home Mission Work, Our Obligation to It.

The discussion was opened by Mrs. L. A. Fox in a most able paper.

At this juncture a quilt, given to the conference by Mesdames Friday and Cloninger, was presented by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps to our missionaries in Japan.

The next topic on the program was now opened for discussion. Subject : How can we Best Develop the Children ? The first speaker on this subject being Mrs. R. C. Holland, she urged the pressing needs of the work in a soul-stirring plea for better work and more concentrated efforts. Mrs. C. E. Weltner followed with a very instructive paper as to how we can teach our children.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Conference put itself on record as in favor of our Sunday-schools setting apart the 1st Sunday of each month as a time to develop missionary interest.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we express by a rising vote our hearty appreciation of the cordial hospitality of the good people of Dallas who have in true warm-hearted generosity thrown wide the doors of their homes

and hearts to the strangers of this conference "within their gates," and that we assure them that we carry away with us most pleasant and abiding memories of the friendships formed in their delightful city. To these splendid people we extend most earnest thanks for the thoughtful anticipation of the comfort and happiness of their guests which has made us feel so much at home while abiding with them.

Resolved, 2. That we convey to our Missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Brown the great pleasure and profit derived from their presence among us, and that we, as a Missionary Conference of the Lutheran Women of the Southland, express to them our great appreciation of their untiring service in the land of Japan, and assure them that in sympathetic co-operation we will try to be as faithful on this side of the sea as they are on the other in laboring for the promotion of the Japan Mission.

Resolved, 3. That we remember very gratefully at this time the special effort made by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, of Atlanta, to contribute to the helpfulness and interest of this meeting and of others to follow by equipping and having on display at this time the splendid missionary exhibit which she has by personal activity collected.

Resolved, 4. That to Mrs. Friday and Mrs. Cloninger we are due an expression of our obligation for the donation of the patch-work quilt as well as for the inspiration of their example of loving service for the cause of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. O. J. KREPS.

The following resolutions were then read and approved :

WHEREAS, We as a body of women come together from the various parts of our United Synod have had such a harmonious and delightful meeting :

Resolved, 1. That we render praise to our Father in Heaven for the gracious leadings of his providence which has brought us together and guided us into the organization of the Missionary Conference of the women of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the South.

Resolved, 2. That we pledge to this conference our united service, our loyal support, and our earnest prayers.

Resolved, 3. That we earnestly desire every woman in every synod to consider herself a member of this conference of women to work together for Home and Foreign Missions and the glory of God.

Resolved, 4. That we extend to the members of the United Synod our high appreciation of their sympathy, support, and advice, which has made this organization possible. That we assure the United Synod that it is our purpose and desire to work always in harmony with and under the approval of that synod.

A motion for adjournment was then in order. After repeating the Lord's Prayer, the conference was adjourned to meet in two years.

MRS. J. H. DINGELHOEF,
SECRETARY.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. DAVID McCONAGHY GILBERT, D. D.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South makes this minute on its records of the late Rev. Dr. D. M. Gilbert, its first President and for so many years identified with the church in the South. Born in Gettysburg, Pa., February 4, 1836, he was graduated from the college and seminary at that place, in 1857 and 1859, and was licensed by the West Pennsylvania Synod in the autumn of the latter year. He accepted a call to Christ church, Staunton, becoming the successor of the late Rev. Dr. J. B. Davis, and was ordained by the Synod of Virginia in 1860. From that year until 1887 he labored as a pastor at Staunton, Savannah, Staunton a second time, and at Grace church, Winchester, accepting a call to Zion church, Harrisburg, Pa., December 1, 1887, where he fell asleep October 16, 1905.

Dr. Gilbert, having spent 28 years of his ministry in the South and being prominent in its counsels, became well known and loved by our Southern Lutheran church. He was a leading spirit in all the great movements of the church, and his scholarly mind and gentle spirit and charming personality made him strong and influential in the far reaching problems of the past half century. His name will be linked to that development and appreciation of the history and worship and spirit of the church which has resulted in this United Synod. In all the events looking to a united church in the South he was prominent from the time as a young pastor he took part in the organization of the old General Synod in the South, writing the Constitution of that body. A delegate to the Salisbury Diet in 1885, his part in that meeting was second to not one of its members, and his gentle and patient disposition was prominent in guiding to a happy conclusion and consummation the conferences at Roanoke in 1886, resulting in the organization of this body, and his part in those historic conventions was so appreciated that the whole church turned to him as the brother beloved by all to be the first President of the United Synod. He served with distinction on many of its educational, missionary, and other

general committees, and his wise counsel and sound judgment made him a leader in the Southern church.

The most important service that he rendered the church was the Book of Worship. We owe to him the idea, the plan, and the name. While at Staunton, still little more than a boy, he wrote a series of articles for the *Southern Lutheran* on the importance and contents of such a book. He suggested the various parts of it and gave the reasons for them. The articles were widely read and approved. Our Book of Worship was the result, and Dr. L. A. Fox says: "This was the first of the books of this class in English in our church in America. Is it claiming too much to say that the idea was adopted by the general bodies in the North? If not, Dr. Gilbert rendered an exceedingly important service to the whole church in this country. But whether we can claim so much for him or not, the work he proposed and outlined has done more than any other one institution for the development of the Lutheran consciousness in the Southern church, and if he had done nothing else for us, this alone would entitle him to one of the highest places in its history."

Dr. Gilbert was a positive, decided Lutheran, and dear to him were the church's History, Doctrine, and Worship. Beautiful was his consecrated life rooted and grounded in his Lutheran faith, and few men in the church receive the universal esteem and love of his ministerial and lay brethren as that accorded him by the church in the South, for, from the Potomac to the Savannah, Dr. Gilbert was dear to the hearts of our Southern Zion. His name and memory will be handed down from father to son in the coming years in our Southland as the type of the ideal Christian gentleman and the cultured, unselfish, and faithful servant of God.

L. L. SMITH.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF UNITED SYNOD—1906.

Index Number.	SYNODS.	Organized.	PAROCHIAL.																			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
			Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Studts. for Ministry	Catechumens.	LOSSES. Death.	LOSSES. Certificate.	LOSSES. Other Losses.	ACCESSIONS. Infant Baptisms.	ACCESSIONS. Adult Baptisms.	ACCESSIONS. Confirmations.	ACCESSIONS. Certificate	ACCESSIONS. Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	FINANCES. Estimated Value Church Property.	FINANCES. Indebtedness.	FINANCES. Local Expenses for All Objects.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.
1	North Carolina	1803	64	.	10	12	846	99	175	131	399	29	270	227	22	7939	8693	12540	$ 268010 00	$ 3844 00	$ 31625 30	55	656	1656
2	Tennessee	1820	115	5	.	5	1198	127	117	2	417	52	302	113	.	9845	9845	13511	167760 00	4260 00	15762 32	78	572	4943
3	South Carolina	1824	77	.	15	6	530	191	85	2	377	36	327	156	23	9450	9992	12119	305991 70	14279 00	31344 27	70	608	5362
4	Virginia	1829	59	7	.	7	216	111	71	115	174	105	181	71	9	6042	6042	6531	215470 00	14499 00	30804 39	52	644	4010
5	Southwestern Virginia	1842	66	20	.	6	105	40	68	.	112	39	68	88	1	4719	4719	5546	145888 16	6141 00	8587 66	63	519	3150
6	Mississippi	1855	14	.	.	.	. .	5	4	.	6	3	7	3	.	717	717	723				4	17	175
7	Georgia	1860	19	.	7	1	135	49	41	.	167	21	108	81	.	2724	2724	. .	298575 00	. . . .	19982 04	16	187	1582
8	Holston	1861	25	.	.	1	72	23	4	5	78	8	50	9	.	1500	1500	1775	36400 00	743 50	2136 74	11	72	500
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NOTE.—The Secretary does not vouch for the accuracy of these figures, but believes them to be approximately correct. The District Synods have not followed any uniform system in their parochial tables, and, for the most part, secretaries have failed to foot up the totals. These difficulties, however, we hope to overcome hereafter.

$5.41 per capita is not so bad in the way of Benevolence.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF UNITED SYNOD—1906—CONCLUDED.

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. CONTRIBUTIONS. For Support of Schools and Local Objects.	For Benevolence	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members including Juniors.	CONTRIBUTIONS. For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Theological Seminary and College.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Aid Societies.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	$ 2987 50	$1050 88	2046	. . . .	$2294 17	. . . .	$1182 25	$ 448 50	$ 78 75	. . . .	$ 215 00	$ 297 10	$ 22 40	$1760 80	. . . .	. . . .	$10130 40	$ 41755 70
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5	766 71	182 64	188	40 55	130 35	591 61	379 99	374 12	138 42	118 40	40 16	1002 46	7 43	757 34	. . . .	183 18	1916 37	15293 51
6	14 25	. . .	. .	. . . .	. . . .	63 15	. . . .	14 51	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	46 43	. . . .	. . . .	138 34	138 34
7	2159 91	903 28	. .	. . . .	. . . .	284 20	1264 39	441 09	. . . .	48 20	. . . .	624 35	. . .	343 71	. . . .	1738 97	5830 17	27484 51
8	127 50	40 00	95	37 00	40 00	42 65	49 04	24 46	20 00	107 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	123 00	. . . .	110 00	434 58	2791 46
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FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Rev. J. H. Murphy, Rev. M. J. Epting, Mr. R. W. Kime, Mr. J. E. Cooper, and Mr. J. M. Lichtenwanger.

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COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., and Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

COMMITTEE AUXILIARY TO COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP COMMITTEE.—Revs. W. A. Snyder, L. L. Smith, D. D., E. C. Cronk, Messrs. P. C. Price and G. C. Hines.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

GENERAL SYNOD: Rev. J. E. Shenk.
GENERAL COUNCIL: Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D.
ELIZABETH COLLEGE: Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

TIME—Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1910.
PLACE—First English Lutheran Church, Richmond, Va.

MINUTES

OF THE

ELEVENTH CONVENTION

OF THE

UNITED SYNOD

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., on Tuesday, October 6, 1908, at 8 p. m., and began the exercises of its eleventh regular convention.

The altar and preparatory services were conducted by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., after which the synodical sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., President of Synod, from Col. 1: 14.

The holy communion was then administered to the members of Synod. Communion service conducted by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1908, 9.30 A. M.

The Synod was formally opened, and the delegates were duly enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. V. Y. Boozer, R. C. Holland, D. D., H. A. McCullough, A. G. Voigt, D. D., M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., George H. Cox, D. D., J. E. Shenk, C. Brown Cox, G. D. Bernheim, D. D.

Lay.—Messrs. J. A. Cline, James D. Heilig, James P. Cook, B. B. Miller, W. W. Koch, J. W. Murry.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. R. A. Yoder, D. D., W. A. Deaton, Charles K. Bell, A. L. Bolick, J. F. Deal, E. L. Wessinger, A. R. Beck, M. A. Ashby, E. J. Sox, E. L. Lybrand.

Lay.—Messrs. W. A. Mauney, D. A. Rudisill, J. M. Rhodes, Prof. S. A. Wolff, W. A. Beck, Silone Pence, Hon. C. M. Efird, E. M. Minnick.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. S. T. Hallman, D. D., M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., W. H. Greever, D. D., M. O. J. Kreps, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, C. A. Freed, C. P. Boozer, James D. Kinard, W. A. C. Mueller, J. J. Long, W. P. Cline.

Lay.—Messrs. George B. Cromer, LL. D., A. H. Kohn, P. C. Price, A. G. Wise, Dr. O. B. Mayer, John C. Seegers, J. W.. Jenny, J. F. Ficken, Dr. E. O. Hentz, J. D. Cappelman, W. P. Houseal.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., E. L. Folk, L. L. Smith, D. D., W. P. Huddle, W. H. Riser, J. A. Morehead, D. D., A. D. R. Hancher.

Lay.—Messrs. J. L. Wisman, Jacob Umlauf, J. E. Cooper, J. E. Cale, S. T. Shank, George J. Eichhorn, J. W. Stover.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. J. B. Greiner, D. D., T. O. Keister, D. D., L. A. Fox, D. D., S. C. Ballentine, John C. Peery,

Lay.—Messrs. H. D. Derrick, Dr. A. B. Greiner, S. S. Cassell, H. L. Bonham.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. M. J. Epting, E. C. Cronk, J. S. Elmore, T. W. Shealy.

Lay.—Messrs. E. D. Bedenbaugh, J. M. Gnann, Jacob Paulsen, C. C. Beebe.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. Walter C. Davis, W. H. Roof.

Lay.—Messrs. W. E. Bible, J. C. Whisman.*

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical.—Rev. J. L. Derrick.

Lay.—Mr. R. J. Beaver.

The President then read his report, which was received and held for reference to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST: We can enter upon another convention of the United Synod only with profound feelings of gratitude to our God and Savior, who not only permits us to labor in his kingdom, but has so abundantly blessed the labors of the Church, and in particular the part which is represented in this body. What the United Synod at its last convention felt called upon to undertake, and planned and proposed for the progress of the work of the Church, has in a large degree been successfully carried out, and in some respects almost beyond expectation. Not unto us, but unto the Lord be the glory! Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. Yet ours is the joy of seeing the evidences of the Lord's blessing upon our undertakings. May he continue to look with favor upon us, and graciously bless this the eleventh convention of the United Synod.

The ends which we as a union of Lutheran synods pursue, are not only co-operation in certain works of a general interest. Our constitution lays down first as the object and aim of this united body "outward expression of the spiritual unity of the Synods concerned, and mutual strengthening in faith and confession." The union would fail, if under it our churches failed to grow in faith and in the apprehension of the truth set forth in our Confessions, whatever formal success might be achieved. We are living in perilous times. There is a widespread unsettling of established and most fundamental beliefs among professing Christians. We cannot hinder the touch of these influences, which do not stop at questioning even Apostolic faith, upon our circles; for they are present on every side. Hence it is more than

* Absent.

ever necessary for us to seek mutual strengthening in faith and confession, and to cultivate spiritual unity. Whatever others may regard as the bond of unity and fellowship, we who are bound to the truth of God, contained in the Holy Scriptures, and set forth in our Confessions, can recognize no other bond of spiritual unity to hold us together in one body, one Spirit, one Lord, than one faith. But our faith can reveal itself distinctively and definitively only in our declarations and in practises conformed to them. It becomes us therefore to be careful how, by word or act, we give recognition and approval even to what comes to us in the name of Christianity or in the guise of Christian charity. We cannot be blind to the fact that much, that is put forth in the name of liberal, advanced, scientific, broad or even charitable views, is really a challenge to us to lay aside our distinctive and inherited beliefs or to defend them. We are not willing to lay them aside, and in defence of them it is necessary not to compromise them, nor to give countenance to what really antagonizes our faith, by an easy and falsely tolerant commingling with those whose principles and practises are not ours. Accordingly our churches should not give public recognition to societies outside of the Church, which pursue professedly benevolent ends, but on a basis not consistent with faith in Christ, the Redeemer ; societies of which Jesus Christ could not be a member. And while we know of no rigid rule of Scripture or Confession that would forbid common worship and work with Christians not of our own body, nevertheless it is necessary for us so to control the teaching, that shall be given in our churches, and the administration of the sacraments in them, that our faith be not by implication repudiated. To avoid the extremes of refusing even to pray with those who agree not with us in every point of doctrine, and of praying and worshiping indiscriminately with any who lay claim to the Christian name, or even with those who disown the name of Christ, is indeed not always easy. But a sound middle way, which maintains the purity of our doctrines and church life, and yet rejoices in the truth of Christ as it is evidenced among others, should be earnestly sought by us.

The progress of the work of the United Synod since its last convention is so well known, that it may appear superfluous for me to speak of it, especially as the various boards and committees of this body will discuss the different causes in their separate reports. But some observations and suggestions may be useful for encouragement or direction of thought.

In general the biennium has been one of gratifying progress. When we met at Dallas, the prominent enterprises before us were the proposed school in Japan and the proposed publication building. The

latter is a realized fact, and the money for the former was soon raised, so that its erection may begin. In this connection one is naturally reminded of our colleges at home and of the great prosperity they have enjoyed both in point of attendance and of increase of funds, buildings, and equipment.

Our Theological Seminary is steadily growing. Its present limited accommodations are really insufficient. The time has come for a concerted effort on a large scale to give to our school of theology the prestige and power it should have. The subject of the removal of the institution from its present inconvenient location is before you for action. But along with new buildings the seminary should have a larger endowment, so that a third regular professor or, at least instructor, could be added to the faculty.

The Orphan Home is steadily enlarging its beneficent work, and accordingly makes increased demands upon the beneficence of the congregations.

The publication cause has been pushed with a vigor and success, that upset the calculations of the cautious, slow-going ones among us. With the new publication building and the larger undertakings that are likely to be conducted in connection with it, the propriety of changing the present publishing committee into a Board of Publication, to have charge of these larger interests, suggests itself.

Our missionary work at home and abroad is calculated to fill us with pleasure and concern. It is a pleasure to realize that some substantial results are being worked out. Saga, Kumamota, Norfolk, Newport News, Lynchburg, Bristol, Lexington, High Point, Spartanburg, Florence, Atlanta, are names that stand for things done among us. And yet it must cause us concern to observe that results accomplished only seem to open up greater opportunities and responsibilities. To him that hath, shall be given. Only he that does nothing, finds nothing to do. Our foreign work calls for expansion. Our home field demands more complete occupation and tillage. Our work has always been beyond our developed resources. And now every one of our Synods feels strained to the limit of its ability to keep abreast with the demands, especially in home missionary work ; and the United Synod as a whole feels similarly strained. What shall be done ? "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." And use wisdom. Where so much is to be done, not all can be done at once. Our efforts must be applied at one point now, and at another point at a different time. The convention at Dallas was predominantly a foreign mission convention, and we rejoice in it. This convention, it appears to me, might suitably be made predominantly a home mission convention.

One of the marks of spiritual unity is the use of a common Book of Worship. In this respect we have not yet attained to perfect unity, although our Book of Worship is growing in favor. One hindrance to its greater acceptance is the fact that with the service and hymns we have not the music which our congregations desire. For years there has been a demand for an edition of our book with music, and that demand is becoming more urgent. It should be met as soon as practicable. As was shown by the report of the Committee on Book of Worship at Dallas, the cost of such an edition with music will really be beyond the resources available for the committee. A fund by donations to cover the first cost may perhaps be raised. The preparation of a book with music will also require special knowledge of tunes and music, as well as musical editing. If the Committee on Book of Worship is instructed to get out a musical edition, an auxiliary committee to secure funds and to assist in editing the book ought to be appointed, the joint committee having authority to employ a musical editor.

There has been sent to me by the Rev. C. E. Weltner a report on the Deaconess Training Work, carried on by him at Columbia, with the request that it be submitted to this body. At an earlier date I was requested by the Rev. Mr. Weltner to refer to this work in this report. I cheerfully comply with both requests, especially as the Georgia Synod requested that the subject of Inner Missions be included in the program of addresses to this convention. There is manifestly growing up among us an interest in the claims of the Inner Mission work upon us, and I am sure this Synod hails the opening of a new field of organized Christian activity with joy. The aggressiveness of the Rev. Mr. Weltner in not waiting to be told to begin, but in beginning what he saw was needed, merits our warmest commendation. I bespeak for his report the careful consideration which it deserves, and trust that its consideration will lead to some suitable action in regard to Inner Missions.

It is a fact worth noting that the authorized representation from Synods in this body has reached the hundred mark in this convention. This is an indication of a growth in membership ; but it also suggests the question whether it is expedient that the representation in this body should become any larger than it is at present. To change the apportionment of delegates would involve a change of the constitution.

This report would be incomplete without a reference to the Laymen's Conference, which was held in the yet incompleted Publication Building in Columbia on December 4 and 5, 1907. It is not for me to report the proceedings of that interesting and enthusiastic gath-

ering, but to call attention to the large possibilities of fruitful activity that may grow out of it. I was present at the conference to learn what hope and promise there was in it, and to observe what particular aim and purpose it would make its own. The impression I received was that the Laymen's Movement, there inaugurated, was to be not another organization in the Church, but a focus of agitation and stimulation to produce a more active support of the existing agencies of the Church, especially in the field of missions. I gave it then my most cordial endorsement, and I do so now, trusting that you will concur in it.

The condition of our treasury demands attention. The expenses of this body are increasing. We are in debt to the patient printers of our minutes. We are in debt on account of the picture charts, which we had prepared for Sunday-schools. Our present method of raising revenue, by an assessment on the Synods, is inadequate. It fails to yield sufficient revenue, and what comes in, comes too irregularly. Steps ought to be taken to secure a reliable and regular revenue, if possible.

I now proceed to give a record of the *official acts*, which it fell to me to perform since the last convention.

Shortly after my return from the meeting at Dallas, in accordance with the instruction of this body to explain to the General Council and the General Synod why no delegates from this body were in attendance upon their sessions, I wrote to the president of each of the bodies named, making the required explanation. On August 13, 1906, I received from the President of the General Synod, the Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., a communication, enclosing a letter from the Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., the fraternal delegate from that body, explaining as the reason why he failed to extend the greetings, with which he was charged, to this body, that he did not learn the time of our meeting.

By action of the last convention, the President and Treasurer were instructed to borrow $558.67 and to pay the same to the Stecher Lithographic Company, of Rochester, N. Y., on the fulfillment of certain obligations on the part of that company. When I learned from the United Synod Publishing Company, our agents, that the conditions had been complied with, and that the corrected bill amounted to $568.02 instead of $558.67, I made arrangements with the Treasurer to borrow the necessary amount and to pay our obligation in full. On December 16, 1906, I was notified by our Treasurer that he had paid the Stecher Lithographic Company $568.02.

This transaction suggests the inquiry: How shall the indebtedness, thus incurred, be liquidated, and how shall the Picture Charts, most

of which are unsold, be disposed of? The Charts are selling very slowly, and I assumed the responsibility of authorizing our agents to fill a large order from the Lutheran Book Concern at a special price. The remainder ought to be disposed of as quickly as possible. A statement of the cash received and the expense of handling, up to September 26, together with a check for $104.94, was received by me from the United Synod Publishing Company. The check was promptly forwarded to the Treasurer. The statement is herewith submitted to you.

On February 23, 1907, I received from a Lutheran in Thorsby, Ala., a letter, requesting the beginning of an English mission there. This led to a correspondence extending over several months, from which however nothing substantial resulted. Rev. D. A. Sox, of Carrollton, Ga., at my request visited Thorsby and reported favorably. I then made an effort to enlist the active interest of the Georgia Synod, it being contiguous to Alabama, in this enterprise. But the correspondence with the President of that body led to no manifest result.

In August, 1907, the Rev. John W. Horine removed from the bounds of the United Synod. On August 13, 1907, Rev. Mr. Horine placed in my hands his resignation as a member of the Publishing Committee and as chairman and member of the Committee on Common Book of Worship, together with the papers, belonging to the committee, in his possession; also his report as delegate of this body to the last convention of the General Synod, which is herewith submitted to you. It was with deep regret that I accepted the resignation of Rev. Mr. Horine as a co-worker with us, efficient, painstaking, exact in his methods, and ardently devoted to the responsible work which this body had assigned to him.

On August 15, 1907, I appointed the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., no novice in our work, a member of the Committee on Common Book of Worship, in place of Rev. Mr. Horine, the appointment to go into effect, August 20. To my gratification the appointment was accepted, and Dr. Scherer was elected chairman of the committee.

On August 15, 1907, I also appointed the Rev. W. P. Cline to succeed Rev. Mr. Horine as a member of the Publishing Committee, the appointment to go into effect August 20, and soon had the pleasure of Rev. Mr. Cline's acceptance.

On September 22, 1907, I received notice from the President of the Mission Board, the Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland, that the Rev. W. L. Seabrook had filed his resignation as a member of the Mission Board. No action on my part was necessary, as the said Board has power to fill vacancies occurring in it between conventions of this body.

On October 25, 1907, I was informed by the President of the South Carolina Synod that Rev. W. L. Seabrook had received from that body a transfer to the Maryland Synod. This created a vacancy on the Publishing Committee, which was filled by the appointment on November 12, 1907, of the Rev. J. Austin as a member of the said committee. The appointment was accepted. It is proper here to say a word of appreciation of the earnestness and efficiency of the Rev. W. L. Seabrook in the work of this body, especially on the Mission Board and the Publishing Committee.

On September 8, 1908, I received the resignation of the Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, LL. D., as a member of the Publishing Committee. His removal from the bounds of this body and from connection with our work is a cause of deep regret. As the time was so near this convention, I deemed it unnecessary to fill the vacancy.

To crystallize the suggestions scattered through this report, I reduce them to the following recommendations, some of which may perhaps overlap recommendations contained in other reports :

1. Steps should be taken to increase the funds of the Theological Seminary.

2. In place of the present Publishing Committee a Board of Publication should be elected, said Board to have charge of all the publishing interests of the United Synod.

3. An auxiliary committee should be appointed to assist the Committee on Common Book of Worship, to provide ways and means to issue the Book of Worship with music, and to edit the same, if the issuance of the book is practicable.

4. The constitution should be amended to prevent the further increase of the size of the conventions of this body.

5. The Laymen's Movement should be endorsed, and its president requested to present a report of its aims and work to this convention.

6. A committee should be appointed to devise ways and means to secure adequate revenue for this body and to liquidate its indebtedness.

7. The President should be authorized to arrange for the sale of the Picture Charts on hand, at reduced prices, if necessary.

8. A Committee on Inner Missions should be appointed to present the claims of this work upon our churches, and to report on the report submitted by the Rev. C. E. Weltner on his Deaconess Training Work.

I herewith submit to you all documents, pertaining to the work of this convention, received by me, and I also have in readiness all letters received by me connected with my official acts.

As I lay down the office, which you committed to me two years ago, I do so with a profound appreciation of the honor it implies, with thankfulness for the courtesy and helpful consideration shown me, with appreciation of your indulgence with my mistakes and shortcomings, and with the prayer that God's blessing may rest upon this convention and all the work and members of the United Synod.

A. G. VOIGT.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

OFFICERS.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., President.

Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., Vice-President.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Secretary.

Hon. C. H. Duls, Treasurer.

The Secretary read the Rules of Order, and the following amendments were made: As No. 7 "Committee on Orphan Home" was inserted. See p. 6 of By-Laws and Rules of Order.

On page 4 of By-Laws to No. 11, in the Order of Business, the words, "And Orphan Home" were added.

The Minutes of last convention were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Secretary of Synod and referred to the proper committee.

The hours of daily sessions were fixed at from 9.30 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 3 to 5 p. m.

The Report of the Board of Missions was read and referred to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

Embracing the period from July, 1906 to Oct. 1, 1908—Two years and three months.

BOARD ORGANIZED.

The Board as constituted by the United Synod, at its last Conven-

tion, met July 14th in Dallas, N. C., and organized by electing the following officers :

Rev. R. C. Holland, *President.*
Rev. W. L. Seabrook, *Recording Secretary.*
Mr. John A. Cline, *Treasurer.*

These officers, together with Rev. W. C. Schaeffer and Rev. W. A. Deaton, constituted the Executive Committee ; the Treasurer and Mr. J. E. Cooper being made advisory members.

The other members of the Board were Messrs. R. W. Kime, Jno. M. Lichtinwanger, J. W. Eberly and Rev. J. H. Murphy.

Rev. W. L. Seabrook having resigned October 1, 1907, his place was filled by the election of Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, who was subsequently made Recording Secretary, and as such became a member of the Executive Committee.

THE MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.

The Board of Missions, acting under authority of the United Synod, elected as Superintendent of Missions, September 28, 1905, Rev. R. C. Holland, who on the 19th of October of the same year signified his acceptance of the office. Under special arrangement with the Board, he retained his pastoral relation to his church in Charlotte till October 1, 1908, at which time in response to action of the Board, and the claims of the Cause of Missions, he relinquished his pastoral work and entered fully upon the duties of his office as superintendent, the Board voting for his support $1400 annually and necessary expenses incurred in execution of his official duties.

THE MISSION SCHOOL IN JAPAN, AND THE $25,000 FUND.

The great task laid upon the Board by the United Synod at Dallas in July, 1906, of raising the sum of $25,000 for the building and equipping of this Mission School, was undertaken as promptly as possible, and its successful accomplishment within twelve months, the campaign closing June 15, 1907, reflects credit upon the churches of the United Synod. The plan adopted was cheerfully accepted, and through extensive correspondence and the valuable aid of Dr. C. L. Brown in his extensive visitation among the churches, the interest of our people found expression in generous responses. The largest individual contribution was $2,000. The next was $1,000. The women through their Forward Movement were a most serviceable auxiliary, their gift amounting to $5,000. In addition to those named above, three hundred names are enrolled as representing shares or parts of shares of $100. The plan involved as share takers only those who were consid-

ered financially able, but there were many gifts which were beautified by evident self-denial.

It is proper to connect with this historic movement, the sympathetic and invaluable assistance of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, which, in this as well as in all other departments of our Mission work, has made possible whatever of success may have characterized the work of the Board.

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

1.—IN JAPAN.

In conformity with action of our Board suggesting that the General Council Board of Foreign Missions be memorialized in regard to joining us in prosecuting work in Japan, the representatives of our Board, upon invitation, appeared before the Council Board of Missions in Philadelphia, February 7, 1898, and were cordially received.

The result was that the Board of the General Council resolved to send one or more missionaries to work with us in that field, said missionary to be under the direction of the Board sending him out. We learn that on the 6th of September, 1908, Rev. Frisby D. Smith was formally commissioned as such missionary, and that he sailed for Japan from San Francisco, in company with Dr. C. L. Brown and family, September 15, 1908.

This cordial spirit and prompt action of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council will doubtless be acknowledged with peculiar pleasure by the United Synod, as giving occasion for larger hopes and more effective service in the great cause to which this body has pledged untiring devotion.

"The United Danish Evangelical Lutheran church in America," represented in Kurume, Japan, by Rev. and Mrs. J. M. T. Winther, and Rev. and Mrs. Yonemura, have been in close and most amicable relationship with our missionaries for some years, and we have every reason to believe that this relationship will continue.

Rev. L. Johnson, of St. Louis, Mo., Secretary, in a communication regarding co-operation in Our Mission School, to be established by the United Synod, writes : "I share the conviction that such co-operation is not alone possible, but assured ; and that it, under the guidance and blessing of God, will be of great benefit both for our Missions in Japan and for our synods at home."

2.—IN THE HOME FIELD.

In the Home Field, little progress in co-operation, has been made

beyond correspondence and conference with representatives of the Home Mission Board of the General Synod and General Council.

Our proposition to yield Alabama to the General Council, and to the General Synod that part of Tennessee west of Meridian 86.30 for this respective home mission work within our bounds, has been accepted by them.

With respect to Alabama, Dr. Kunzman makes the following proposition, which is esteemed most generous, and has been concurred in by our Board.

"I shall recommend to the Home Mission Board of the General Council the establishment of a Southern Department of Home Missionary operations, and the securing of special contributions as in Northern work, to employ one or more Field Missionaries to establish Missions in the State of Alabama assigned to us by the Mission Board of the United Synod in whose territory they are located.

The work of the Field Missionaries shall be reported to both Boards.

It is understood that no Field Missionary or other mission agents shall be employed or continued who are not satisfactory to both Home Missions Boards.

The question as to when the Field Missionary shall leave the Mission to begin at a new point before it is self-sustaining and the support of the local Missionary shall be arranged between the two Boards as well as all property and building matters."

We have learned that the Home Mission Board of the General Council has adopted the plan thus outlined. Up to this date however, there has been no practical beginning of operations in the State of Alabama. We are in good position to give most generous interpretation of whatever delay may occur in fulfilling this kindly purpose. The vastness of the home field, and the inviting open doors for our church is both stimulating and paralyzing.

CHATTANOOGA.

In reference to Chattanooga which lies east of 86.30 and within our territory in Tennessee, correspondence with the Secretary of General Synod Board developed the fact that said Board had already made some initial effort toward the establishment of an English Mission there, and that the Women's Missionary Society of that body was anxious to take up that work, and was preparing so to do.

In view of this status of affairs, and also of our present inability to assume the great financial burden involved, our Board agreed to let the General Synod authorities prosecute the work in that city. Our latest information induces the belief that such work has not as yet taken definite shape.

GIFTS AND ANNUITIES

The Board of Missions is in receipt of five thousand dollars from Mrs. Amanda Ella Bernheim, to be used for the purposes of the Board. Articles of agreement have been duly executed whereby the Board pays to her annually during her life, (or that of her husband, Dr. G. D. Bernheim, should he survive her) a sum equal to six per cent. as an annuity. The said $5,000 being the property of the Board as a gift without other condition than that above named.

Of this amount the sum of $2,000 has been assigned to the Church Extension Fund, concerning which reference is made elsewhere. Another $2,000 consists of a bond for that amount secured by mortgage on Bernheim Hall given by the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, located at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., and transferred to the Board of Missions. This note bears interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

Miss Ada V. Miller has made a donation to the Church Extension Fund of the sum of five hundred dollars, in addition to a similar amount given for the Mission School for Japan.

These donations, together with those previously referred to in connection with the Mission School fund, call for grateful recognition on the part of the United Synod.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS.

There are at present four synodical societies known as Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies : to-wit, in the North Carolina, South Carolina, Southwestern Virginia, and Holston Synods. The last named has been only very recently organized, and has not enlisted in the general work. These societies have remained loyal to the Mission work of the United Synod, and have rendered an indispensable service. The three first named unite in the support of Missionary Dr. C. L. Brown to the extent of $1,400 a year. They contribute also toward the general Home Mission Work though in not equal measure.

The Children's Societies which may be considered as auxiliary to the Woman's Societies give upon an average about $200 each annually to Foreign Missions, and the residue of these funds is directed to Synodical Home Missions. When we estimate that nearly $2,000 annually flow into the Foreign Mission treasury, through the women and children of three synodical organizations, we recognize an efficiency of management worthy of highest commendation. The women and the children seem especially ordained of God in our Mission work to perfect His praise. The cause owes much to them for the advance made so far, and must continue to look to their generous offerings as essential to the continued progress of the Mission in Japan.

THE MISSION LEAGUE.

This League has an enrollment of 325. The receipts from members for 1907 amounted to $1,579. This indicates what a valuable agency this is in our United Synod. The majority of the members have chosen the Japan Mission for their annual gifts.

We had hoped to greatly enlarge the membership during the past biennium, and were hoping for substantial results through the Laymen's Missionary Movement projected by the Board; but the elimination of the word "Missionary" from the title when said movement assumed organized being, forbade our continuing along the line proposed. While from the standpoint of Missions we experienced temporary disappointment, we feel assured that in the outcome benefit must come to our cause, along with the general uplift contemplated. At the same time the high claim of the Mission cause has made it proper that the Mission League be recognized as an existing agency in behalf of missions, demanding the United Synod's continued endorsement coupled with an appeal to the laymen of the church to rally to the gallant three hundred who have remained faithful through the last three years to the extent of $5,000.

But for this League we could not have met the Foreign Mission outlay during the last two years.

The Board contemplated also substantial results in the way of addition to the membership through the itinerary of Dr. Lippard, but circumstances interfered to prevent a profitable prosecution of the work in this behalf.

We are hoping to capture large successes in the name of the Lutheran Mission League of the South, in enrolling many laymen as members pledged to give not less than five to twenty-five dollars annually to form a guarantee fund for successful missionary propaganda.

THE LIBERALITY OF THE WINCHESTER CHURCH.

We would put on record that Grace church, Winchester, Va., has assumed to support Missionary Rev. L. S. G. Miller to the extent of $800 per annum. This is in addition to the benefactions of the congregation passing through the regular channels. This congregation stands credited with $3,050 for the school in Japan, $225 annually for Naomaru, and a worthy enrollment in the Mission League. The Board of Missions would be untrue to its sentiment of appreciation, did it fail to make grateful acknowledgment of this signal devotion to the cause of Missions, and to commend this as an example worthy to be prayerfully studied and followed by all our churches.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND MISSIONS.

The importance of developing a missionary spirit is beyond all

question. God forbid that any Lutheran of the coming generation should be heard to say, "I am opposed to missions." It is imperative that we make this subject prominent in the Sunday-school. Herein lies very largely the hope of our church's future. One Sunday in every month should be missionary Sunday. This was the emphatic declaration of the Women's Conference at Dallas. It is the practice of a few of our churches in the South. The various Mission Boards of the United States have made strong declarations on this subject.

It is possible to approximate this monthly order, if pastors are fully awake to the vital importance of the subject.

The Board of Missions designate two mission festivals, one known as "April Japan Day," and the other as "Luther Day" for Home Missions. This is Sunday nearest 10th of November.

The responses from the schools have been cheering, and there is every indication of a growth of interest in this direction. These two annual appointments furnish the Board an opportunity to keep in touch with this department of church work, and to aid pastors and schools to some extent in giving emphasis to the claims of the cause.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION—JAPAN.

(1) OUR MISSIONARIES.

We have now in the Japan field a larger missionary force than at any time heretofore. This is a matter of sincere joy.

REV. C. L. BROWN, D. D.

Dr. Brown sailed for Japan, with his wife and children, on the 15th of September, 1908, and October 1st completed his tenth year of service. His own illness in the fall of 1907 rendered it impossible for him to return to Japan at that date according to arrangement. The subsequent illness of Mrs. Brown caused further necessary delay. This has, however, proved of vast benefit to the church at home, as well as to their personal equipment for the work they have now resumed in Japan. They left Salem, Va., September 5th in good health and spirits, with the consciousness of renewed consecration to the work. By the first of October, the S. S. Mongolia, upon which they set sail, if voyage was prosperous, arrived at Yokohama. We trust that at this date they have joined the other brethren at Saga and Kumamoto.

The work devolved upon Dr. Brown upon his arrival, will be chiefly to arrange in conference with the other missionaries, for the location, building, and inauguration of the Mission School. This was devolved upon him primarily by the action of the Board of Missions, passed May 16, 1907. Said action was as follows:

"Resolved, That one member of the mission in Japan be appointed whose chief work shall be a thorough study of all conditions attend-

ing the erection and organization of the Mission School, and who shall have necessary liberty and authority in his movements; all his acts being subject to the approval of the mission."

"Resolved, That Rev. C. L. Brown be appointed to this position."

REV. C. K. LIPPARD, D. D.

Rev. Dr. Lippard after a residence in Japan of six years, returned to this country, November, 1906, with the full consent of the Board. The occasion of his return at that time was the condition of health of Mrs. Lippard.

They reached Chicago, November 27, 1906. In view of the continued illness of Mrs. Lippard, Dr. Lippard remained in Chicago until September, 1907. They then moved to North Carolina, taking up residence at Hickory. During that fall and winter, Dr. Lippard visited a number of churches, attended two Women's Missionary Conventions, the Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina Synods.

Upon being certified by Mrs. Lippard's physician that she could safely return to Japan as early as March, 1908, they left for Chicago about the first of that month, and on the 27th of same month started for Japan by way of San Francisco, and with his family, after a successful voyage, reached Yokohama, April 10, 1908.

On the second day of June he moved to Saga, and took up residence in the mission home belonging to the Reformed mission—a comfortable and commodious mansion built in foreign style, paying therefor $15 per month rent. Dr. and Mrs. Lippard write cheerful words home relative to the comforts afforded in their well appointed residence.

REV. A. J. STIREWALT.

This brother arrived in Japan, January 1, 1906, and is now nearing the end of a three years' service. For almost two of these years, the administration of the affairs of the mission devolved upon him exclusively, and for a considerable part of these two years he was our only representative upon the field. The Board has on several occasions sent him expressions of appreciation of his trying situation and very faithful and efficient services. The Lord has sustained him in the difficult and responsible work, giving him continued health and strength. It devolved upon him to oversee the Danish mission during the prolonged absence of Missionary Winther, besides having the care of all the stations of our own mission.

He has had his residence at Kumamoto, and holds the position of treasurer of the mission.

REV. L. S. G. MILLER.

On the 15th day of May, 1907, this young brother was called by our Mission Board as our fourth missionary to Japan. On the 20th day

of May, 1907, the call was accepted, said acceptance being accompanied by these words: "For a long time I have considered the matter, and have asked for divine guidance, and everything has pointed me toward Japan. I have considered the matter carefully, and now that I have been officially called by the Board, I feel that there is only one thing for me to do, and that is to go."

Rev. Miller was ordained by the Synod of Virginia on the 23d day of August, 1907, and sailed from Seattle for Japan, November 27, 1907.

Rev. Miller is devoting himself assiduously to the study of the Japanese language.

We have no doubt of divine guidance whereby the mission in Japan has procured the services of this consecrated and talented young man. He is the son of Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., now professor in the Theological Seminary of the United Synod. We append

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY.

Lewis Samuel Godfrey Miller was born at Salem, Va., August 23, 1881. In March, 1888, he removed to Winchester, Va., when his father became pastor there, and remained there at school until May, 1895, at which time the family removed to Roanoke, Va., his father having assumed charge of the congregation there at that time. The following September he entered the preparatory department of Roanoke College, which institution he attended without intermission until his graduation in 1901. Immediately after graduation he took a position in an engineering corps in Eastern Kentucky, in which he remained several months, which he exchanged for a position in the construction department of the Bell Telephone, at and near Pittsburg, Pa., with which he remained some three years. Whilst there he formally united, by certificate, with the congregation at Rochester, Pa., of which Rev. F. A. Bowers was and is pastor. In the fall of 1904 he entered the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, at Mt. Airy, from which he graduated in June, 1907. Almost immediately thereafter he accepted the call of our Southern church, through its Board, to become one of its missionaries in Japan, which field he reached last December.

Rev. Miller began teaching in High Technical School, Kumamoto, January 17, 1908, and continued till the first of June, receiving a salary of 50 yen per month, and giving four hours per week. It is said that he taught in English, and thus came in close contact with certain students which was evidently mutually beneficial. The money received for this service was turned into our mission treasury.

MESSAGES FROM THE FIELD.

Our report would be not only very incomplete, but quite unsatis-

factory without some message from the missionaries themselves. We therefore present first some views from the pen of Dr. Brown, as they are presented in manuscript fresh from his hand. This manuscript with some supplementary matter is soon to be issued by the Board in book form. We now present a few extracts which are deemed appropriate for present use.

The first is taken from chapter entitled

"THE UNITED SYNOD IN JAPAN."

(Rev. C. L. Brown, D. D.)

"Our Japan Mission was opened in the year 1892. We have therefore been at work about sixteen years. During the greater part of this time only two missionary families were on the field. For two years Dr. Peery was alone, and at no time were there more than three families in Japan. This mission began with one Japanese worker and his wife, and was able later on to secure the services of three others and an additional Bible woman. There have been theological students who gave temporary assistance. There have occurred many changes in our working force from time to time, but, generally speaking, we have never had more than four male and two female Japanese workers (kindergarten teachers excluded).

You will perhaps admit that this is a very small working force for a country like Japan, and the question naturally arises, what has this force been able to accomplish?

A broad historical outline would run something like this: After a short residence in Tokyo, Missionaries Scherer and Peery came to Saga, on the extreme southern island of Kyushu, and opened our mission. Mr. Yamanouchi and his wife entered the mission at the same time. Evangelistic work in those days was more difficult than now. The interior of Japan had not yet been opened to free foreign travel and residence. Hence Dr. Scherer entered Saga as a government school teacher, and Dr. Peery as an employee of Mr. Yamanouchi's English Night School, which he established for temporary convenience. The missionaries lost no time in renting chapels and beginning public preaching. Some of these meetings were disturbed by the prejudiced populace.

Two years later Mr. Yamanouchi Naomaru, a young man just from the Seminary, was employed as our second evangelist, and after another two years Mr. Wasa was engaged as both language teacher and lay preacher. About the same time Mr. Kumi (no longer with us) was given private theological instruction and placed in charge of a chapel.

Up to the fall of 1898, or five years after work was begun, all evangelistic work was concentrated in Saga aud some outlying smaller

towns. Those efforts were not unattended with success. A very respectable little congregation was baptized, among whom were three or four well-to-do families. When we arrived in Japan in November, 1898, there was a regular Sunday attendance of from 20 to 35 persons.

In the fall of 1898 the first important expansive step was taken by locating Mr. Naomaru in the city of Kumamoto, a city of 70,000 inhabitants. After two years of language study in Saga, I followed him there December 10, 1900. Kumamoto then became our second mission center, only eight years ago. In the meantime Mr. Winther, the Danish missionary, had decided to co-operate with us, and after a temporary stay in Saga moved to Kurume, a city of 35,000 inhabitants, and about ten miles distant from Saga. At the time we moved to Kumamoto, Rev. and Mrs. Lippard had come out to reinforce the mission (fall 1900), and five years ago Miss Johnson was added to the Danish force in Kurume. Miss Johnson has since returned home on account of ill health.

In November, 1902, another important step was taken along the line of expansion. The large town of Omuta, having 20,000 inhabitants, 30 miles from Kumamoto, seemed to present possibilities. We decided, therefore, to take Mr. Wasa from Saga and place him in Omuta. Results have proved the wisdom of this step. While the work there is small, and will perhaps remain so, it costs little, and is one of the brightest spots in our missionary experience.

Three years ago another large city presenting possibilities was added. This is Hakata, distant from Saga about 35 miles, and from Kurume 20 miles, having population of 70,000. Mr. Yamanouchi, formerly of Saga, is in charge of this station, having moved there in January of this year. To supply Saga, Mr. Ueda was called from Ogi. Mr. Ueda is an unordained worker who was with us till recently. His place in Saga is now filled by Mr. Wasa.

The present distribution of our workers is, therefore, as follows:

Saga, Dr. and Mrs. Lippard, with Mr. Wasa and family, and Mura Kikuko San, the Bible woman and kindergarten teacher.

Kurume, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. T. Winther, Mr. and Mrs Yonemura.

Hakata, Rev. and Mrs. Yamanouchi.

Omuta, Mr. and Mrs. Takahashi, who came to us only recently.

Kumamoto, Revs. Stirewalt and Miller and Rev. and Mrs. Naomaru Yamanouchi.

The location of Dr. and Mrs. Brown is yet undetermined.

Our Mission has preached the Gospel in Saga, therefore, for 16 years; in Kumamoto, 14 years; in Omuta, 6 years; in Hakata, 3 years; and in Kurume about 7 years.

The number of preaching places is as follows: Kumamoto, 3; Saga, 3; near Saga, 3; Omuta, 2; Hakata, 1; Kurume, 3.

As a result, our enrolled and resident membership stands thus:
Saga—enrolled, 152; resident, 26.
Kumamoto—enrolled, 67; resident, 28.
Omuta—enrolled, 43; resident, 21.
Kurume—enrolled, 56; resident, 23.
Hakata—enrolled, 43; resident, 26.

Now, then, you will notice that the number of baptized members is all out of proportion to the number of resident members. This cannot be avoided. All the churches suffer from the same conditions. Our Christians are constantly moving from place to place. The local congregations lose, but society at large gains. The effect on society is in a small way like that of the early Christians after their dispersion by persecutions. Our Mission suffers very much more than the larger ones, because they have stations in nearly all important places, and can thus receive their moving members into immediate fellowship. We are unable to do this. Hence it is that we are always catechising and baptizing the results of our own labors, but seldom if ever receive members by letter from other bodies. This condition of affairs makes self-support slow and difficult. This is the average condition all over Kyushu. We are confident of greater progress after a very few years.

Our own small mission has members scattered all over Japan—some of them men of great promise. We can boast of six University men, which we think a cause of great thanksgiving. We have a family in Formosa, two men in America on the Pacific coast. We are not without representation even in Korea. As far as possible we keep trace of all such members and remind them of their Christian connection. But manifestly many of them grow cold and indifferent.

In material things the mission has made great progress in the past eight years. Up till 1900 we owned no mission property. In the late fall of that year, the Saga chapel was finished and dedicated at a total cost of about $900. Two years later the mission home at Kumamoto was purchased for $950. About $500 worth of repairs have since been added, but this was done with money received from Government School for teaching. In 1904 the Board paid for the Saga Mission Home $400, and about the same time the Winchester congregation gave $225 for the purchase of a small street-side chapel in Saga. Finally, in 1905, we were able to build and consecrate a good chapel in Kumamoto at a cost of $1,700 (including parsonage). We have spent, therefore, on property $4,675. All this property was obtained at low prices, and today is worth about $6,000, though if we were forced to sell the two chapels built in foreign style we might have to lose on them, as they are not suited for any other purpose than for public meetings.

At this point we would call attention to a very important feature of our work, kindergartens and Sunday-schools for the children.

The reason why the church of today manifests more interest than ever before in the work of missions is because the church of today is better informed on the subject. This interest will continue to grow in proportion to the spread of information. And a study of the subject will prove that information is most effective when applied to the hearts of the young. Our churches do not grow where the young are not taught.

The same is true in a heathen land. Several generations at least, are required to christianize any nation, and the most effective work during this period is the training of child hearts and minds. Hence any effort to reach the children of Japan should receive encouragement.

The most common method pursued today may be called Sunday-school work, though the meetings are not limited to Sunday.

Stations in various parts of the city and suburbs are opened where children are gathered and taught the Word of God and Christian songs. At present there are two such schools in Kumamoto with a hundred children ; three in Saga with 100 children ; in Omuta one, with 40 children ; in Hakata one, with 50 children ; in Kurume three, with 100 children."

We next present some views from same author and same manuscript, under the heading,

"WHERE AND HOW YOUR MONEY GOES."

"Full investigation has proved that Mission Boards are economical in the expenditure of their funds. Experience shows that full confidence may be placed in their ability to accomplish the largest things with the smallest means. Still, the public like to know into what channels their money goes. They like to be informed, too, as to about how much is required to do a certain work. My object here following is to indicate where and how your contributions go.

The missionary's salary is the largest item in the annual budget. Five Japanese can be supported with what it requires to maintain one missionary. We can not enter here into explanation of this whole subject of missionary support. But let me remind my readers that the missionaries' support is kept on the lowest possible basis, and that any other policy than that now pursued, instead of being economical, would be expensive in the end. The missionary is yet indispensable. But he must be dispensed with as soon as conditions will allow, because he is expensive.

Next comes the support for the evangelists. These are paid from $15 to $20 per month, with some special allowance when necessity

arises. To be sure this support is rather insufficient, but it is only another evidence that Boards and Mission are financially careful.

Chapel rents are no small item. In some towns they are cheap, renting from $2 to $4 per month. In larger cities we must pay from $7 to $10.

Repairs must constantly be made and require $200 or $300 every year.

Then there are the taxes and the traveling expenses. These are necessary because the whole missionary and evangelistic support is on so low a basis that all extras must be borne by the Mission Board. No missionary nor evangelist can afford to pay his own taxes or traveling expenses incurred on mission business. Neither missionary nor evangelist receives a salary, but only a support deemed absolutely essential under the conditions of his life.

When the Board does not own its own mission homes another item of considerable expense must be added. We had paid no rent for some years until very recently, when the Saga Mission house was condemned as unfit for use in its present condition. Another house is now being rented for $15 per month.

Your missionaries must be taken to the field, and brought home again on furlough. When this occurs the drain on our Board's treasury is extreme. The cost of one way passage to South Japan, is from $200 to $250, according to circumstances, for each individual.

Thus goes the $7,000 or $8,000 expended annually by our Board. There are other expenses hardly worth mentioning in detail, but amounting to much in the total. For results we challenge comparison with a like expenditure at home."

So far Dr. Brown. We shall now let Rev. A. J. Stirewalt speak from the midst of the work, though his statistics antedate by a few months, those of Dr. Brown. This will account for any slight variation in figures, where they touch upon the same points, due doubtless to recent accessions made since the date of Rev. Stirewalt's letter, which bears date of April, 1908.

REPORT OF REV. A. J. STIREWALT.

KUMAMOTO: Number of baptized and communicant members in the city or within easy reach of the city, 28; infant membership, 8; baptisms during the year 1907, adult, 1; infant, 1; confirmations, 1; Sunday-schools, 3. One Sunday-school at the church every Sunday morning, with an average attendance of 40. One Sunday-school at Sunatori, a suburb of Kumamoto, every Thursday p. m., with an average of 30. One Sunday-school at Yokomachi, another part of the city of Kumamoto, every Tuesday evening, with an average of 10. Until last fall we also had a Sunday-school at Terabara, another section of the city, with an average of about 35. Circumstances made it

advisable to discontinue this one. The Sunday-school work in Kumamoto had been in charge of Rev. Yamanouchi Naomaru and Mr. Takahashi, until about a month ago, when the latter was removed to Omuta, since which time, Mr. Yamanouchi has had the sole oversight.

It might be stated that since January 1 of this year, we have received 5 adults into the church here by baptism. Besides the regular preaching in the church every Sunday morning and evening, we have preaching at Yokomachi every Tuesday evening. This is a chapel open to the street, and is intended to reach those whose attention can be arrested as they pass along the street. This place has an average attendance of about 30 persons, many of these coming and going during the time. The average morning attendance at the church is about 15. The evening attendance is less.

OMUTA: Total baptized adult membership, 41; adult membership in residence, 28; infant membership, 3; adults received by baptism during the year 1907, 7; Sunday-school, 1; average attendance at Sunday-school, 12. Average attendance at services, 16. The Sunday-school and services are held in the house which we rent both for this purpose and for the residence of our worker there. Present evangelist at Omuta is Takahashi Murashige. While not yet formally received as an evangelist, our pressing need for a worker compelled us to place him in charge for the present. We will take the matter up again and finally settle it within the ensuing month, with the assistance of Rev. Lippard. Besides the preaching in the chapel our worker at Omuta gives half a day each week to work among the convicts in the large penitentiary in the city. This is one of the two penitentiaries in Japan, for long service convicts. There are about 1,600 convicts here, and our evangelist gets an audience of about 80 or 90 each time. This work was started just before the close of the year 1906. While there are none among these convicts who have yet received baptism, there are a number who have asked for it.

HAKATA: Total baptized adult membership, 36; adults in residence, 21; baptisms during the year 1907, 10; received by transfer during 1907, 3; deaths during 1907, 4; baptisms since January 1, of this year, 2. Yamanouchi Ryohei is the pastor, located at Hakata. His wife, Yamanouchi Mike, is our Bible woman there. An average of about 14 attend the services at present. About 25 children attend the Sunday-school each Sunday p. m. at the chapel. Like at Omuta, the house we rent as the pastor's home, is likewise used as the chapel. Until last fall, when Ryohei san was taken sick, we had two more Sunday-schools in different parts of the city, with an average attendance of about 35 children each. At each of these two places, we also had preaching once each week. Since the first of last September, when

Ryohei san became sick, these two places have been dropped, because of his inability to continue them. The Sunday-school at Hakata is under the charge of the pastor and his wife. You will note that while the work at Hakata is only two years old, yet a large number of the baptized members are no longer in residence. This is due to the fact, that many of these were nurses in the large government hospital, who after having finished their course there, left for other parts. The condition of Ryohei's health is not encouraging. When I saw him two days ago, he was in bed. He had held services the day before, and that seemed to have exhausted him. With the exception of the month that he spent in the hospital last fall, he says that he has held services every Sunday, although these services were sometimes the simple service of the Church Book without a sermon. His condition is somewhat changeable. While not strong at any time, he is much weaker at some times than at others. He will soon have his 61st birthday, which, for a Japanese, is somewhat advanced in years.

SAGA : On the first of March, Ueda san, having resigned, left Saga. About two weeks later, Wasa san who had been at Omuta, was placed in charge of the Saga work, moving there at the same time. In the absence of a missionary residing at Saga, the work under Ueda san reached a very low state. During the year of 1907, and even until the present of this year, there have been no baptisms in this church. One member has been received by transfer. Since Wasa san has been located there, there is an average attendance at the morning services of about 14 persons. The Sunday evening preaching which is held at Shimmichi, in another part of the city, is attended by about 10 adults, on an average. The preaching at the evangelist's home on Wednesday evening, is attended by about the same number. The Sunday-school at the church has an average attendance of about 30 children. The Sunday-school, on Sunday evening at Shimmichi, has an average of about 20. The Sunday-school at Komeyamachi (the evangelist's home), has an average of about 35 children in attendance. Mr. Wasa has been doing very well since his arrival, and I have no doubt but that with his efforts together with those of some missionary whom we must place there, will speedily place matters in a more encouraging state. Dr. Lippard is now resident there. The condition of the church property at Saga is reasonably good. A coat of paint would improve it. On the church lot stands a small house which came with the lot when it was bought Until the time that Rev. Lippard returned to America, this house was used as the kindergarten home. The building itself is not a good one, but served this purpose. The kindergarten is now, and has been, taught in the mission home occupied by Rev. Lippard prior to his return to America. As he returned,

the kindergarten was moved to the house vacated by him, where it has been ever since. During the session that closed on March 28th, there were 27 children in regular attendance at this kindergarten, 18 of which graduated at this time. The prospects for the new opening are very good. On February 4th, Kawase san, the head teacher, informed me that it was her intention to leave the work on the last of February. She having thus resigned in order to carry out some long cherished plans in Fuchow, China, we began at once to seek her successor. When at Saga on the 16th of February, I was somewhat disappointed to learn that, instead of waiting until the end of the month, as she had previously said, she found it expedient for herself to leave on this same day. So since the 16th of February until the present, the kindergarten has been continued by the faithful efforts of the assistant teacher, Mura san. About a week ago, we secured the promise of a teacher to come about the middle of this month. She is a graduate from the Christian kindergarten training school at Kobe, and comes with good recommendations. The services that Kawase san (and I suppose that those of her successor will be the same) rendered outside of the teaching of the kindergarten, were limited to the teaching in two of the Sunday-schools which we had in Saga. Mura san, the assistant teacher, does the same.

[Letters just received from Dr. and Mrs. Lippard speak very encouragingly and hopefully concerning the kindergarten work in Saga, though they most earnestly plead for a kindergarten building, as necessary to larger success.—R. C. H.]

WAKATSU: This city is situated near Saga, and has always been worked from Saga. We have two members in this city. One of them gives his time to the selling of Bibles throughout Kyushiu. He does this on his own responsibility, and is very successful in the amount that he sells. Since Rev. Lippard returned to America, we have had no regular preaching in this place. Our evangelist from Saga makes occasional trips there to visit in behalf of the work.

OGI: Like at Wakatsu, no regular preaching has been done here during the last 18 months. It was thought best to let these places rest until a missionary was returned to Saga. We have about 8 baptized members at Ogi.

Property belonging to the mission at Kumamoto, consists of the church, the pastor's home, and the mission home. At Saga we have the church, the evangelist's home, and the mission home. Besides these, we own no other property.

I might state here, that we now have a young member at Hakata, who is nineteen years old, and who, just a few days ago, graduated from the Government middle school at that place. When in Hakata just recently, Ryohei spoke to me about him for the second time. It seems that the young man wishes to study for the ministry. I have

not yet talked with the young man on the subject myself, but have done so through Ryohei to a certain extent. We will be justified in making an investigation of his case, and if favorable will be happy to take him on as a theological student. We also have another young man who will graduate from a middle school near Nagasaki next year. Ryohei san thinks that he is also inclined to the same calling. It will be wise to keep them both under observation for the present.

I have tried to make this report as satisfactory as possible, but any information not contained herein will be gladly supplied on suggestion.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. STIREWALT.

Kumamoto, Japan, April 7, 1908.

We believe the foregoing presents an accurate and satisfactory survey of our mission field in Japan. We commend the same to the careful reading of all pastors especially, that they may be able to give all needed information to the people. Information is what our people need.

OUR INCREASING NEEDS.

We subjoin a report from the Japan Conference, dated August 5, 1908. It is not an appeal, yet in its businesslike statement constitutes a most urgent appeal.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE IN JAPAN.

As secretary of the Japan Conference it devolves upon me to report our decisions.

At a recent meeting in Saga it was decided :

1. That our kindergarten building should be erected on the church lot. This meets the approval of our Japanese brethren also. We have just received the estimates for a building 42 x 30 feet. The lowest figures are $1196.42. This building is an immediate necessity.

2. For a foreign residence $2,500 will be required. This will give us eight rooms roughly finished. If we build on our present grounds at least $500 will be required for leveling and preparing a foundation. If we purchase a new site $2,000 will be required for that. These figures are in gold. As our lease on the Reformed church property expires in June, 1909, and at least 9 months will be required for building, what shall we do? We all agree upon the advisability of building. That building should be done at once seems to be evident, because of the constant appreciation of building materials. The cost of building has increased by 60 per cent. within the last two years.

3. On account of a general increase in rents and other incidentals ; it will be necessary for us to have $225 per month instead of $150 as heretofore ; but as we wish to increase our native force, and also open

up some new work we would be pleased to have for this purpose a small allowance ; we therefore ask for $300 per month if the Board can possibly grant it.

The field is white unto the harvest. We all send our best regards to you all.

C. K. LIPPARD,
SECRETARY OF JAPAN CONFERENCE.

CERTAIN DEDUCTION FROM THE FOREGOING.

(*a*) We have now on the field, supported by the United Synod, six missionaries, including Mrs. Lippard and Mrs. Brown, more than at any time heretofore.

Cooperating with these are one missionary of the General Council, and Rev. and Mrs. Winther, of the Danish mission.

This is cause for encouragement and hope.

(*b*) The coming and going of one of our missionaries and his family, and the going out of two more, has made a heavy drain upon the treasury, approximating $2300.

(*c*) The necessary outlay for the coming year is as follows :

Salaries of four missionaries	$4300 00
Rent of home in Saga	180 00
Salaries of native helpers	1100 00
Chapel rents	500 00
Taxes, repairs, traveling expenses, teachers' allowances and incidentals	1800 00
	$7880 00
(*d*) The proposed building of mission home in Saga	$3000 00
The proposed kindergarten home in Saga	1000 00
Total	$11880 00

In this estimate we have not mentioned the probable expense of the proposed school, nor of the contingency of missionary's return home. These should be anticipated in our legislation for the coming biennium. The sum of $15,000 annually will mark the minimum of possible demands for the ensuing two years in behalf of our missions in Japan.

CERTAIN ENACTMENTS OF THE BOARD.

(1) Concerning the sending out of unmarried women as missionaries to Japan, the following action was taken : "We rejoice that two young ladies, whose qualification for the service seem beyond question, are available, and that they await the appointment for foreign service by our Board. We regret, however, that in the present condition of the work in Japan, it seems inadvisable to encourage their going out at this time ; but we wish to assure them that we not only highly appreciate the noble spirit prompting them thus to devote

their lives to such self-denying service for the cause of the Master, but that at such time as our Japan Conference shall indicate that their services can be used to advantage to the cause, and make request of the Board accordingly, we will give favorable consideration in their behalf if the condition of the finances of the Board does not forbid.

(2) That hereafter all persons, male or female, proposing to become a part of our mission force in Japan, be required to undergo a physical examination at the the hands of a physician who shall be appointed by the Board for that purpose.

(3) That it is understood by the Board that all our property in Japan is and shall always be held for and under the control of the Board of Missions, and that the administration of the Mission School shall always be under the supervision, direction, and control of the Board, unless the Board shall otherwise determine.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Church Extension Fund consists of the two thousand dollars of the Bernheim annuity fund, set apart for this purpose by the action of last convention of this body, and the five hundred dollars given by Miss Ada V. Miller, together with sundry smaller gifts, amounting in all to $ (See Treasurer's Report).

Out of this fund there was loaned to the Atlanta church the sum of $300 for two years at 4 per cent. This has been returned into the Church Extension treasury.

$500 has been loaned to the Woman's Memorial church, Spartanburg, S. C., without interest, said loan being guaranteed to be returned within five years by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of South Carolina. Said loan bears date May, 1907.

In adjusting the debt of the Newport News church, amounting to $2059.04, as of January 25, 1908, we borrowed from the Church Extension Fund the sum of $1771.89, and have returned $1,000, leaving balance due of $771 89, as owing from Home Mission treasury to Church Extension treasury.

HOME MISSIONS.

Two mission churches have become self-supporting since last convention of the United Synod.

The first is the Norfolk church, which declared itself independent January 1, 1907. This church is doing good work, and the successes under the pastoral supervision of Rev. W. H. Riser are worthy of complimentary mention.

The second was the Newport News church, which became independent of annual supplement on pastor's salary, October 1, 1907, and from that date became self-sustaining. In order to effect this

consummation the Board of Missions assumed the entire debt upon the church, and has cancelled the same, said debt being $2059.04. The Board holds mortgage securities against the church property for said amount, said mortgage to be enforced only in case said church ceases to be in connection with a synod belonging to the United Synod.

Rev. E. A. Shenk resigned this charge June 1, 1908. During the summer it was served by Mr. A. C. Karkau, theological student of Mt. Airy Seminary, Philadelphia. At this date the congregation is vacant. Membership, 127.

NEW WORK ASSUMED.

The contributions for Home Missions have not justified much enlargement. This is a matter of sincere regret to the Board. We believe the word "Home" has inured to the advantage of local synodical missions rather than to more distant United Synod missions.

EAST TENNESSEE.

This may not be exclusively new work, yet it is a manifest enlargement of the work in this field. The points immediately cultivated are Greeneville and Morristown, having a population of over 3,000 each. They are eligibly located as bases of operations. Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., was assigned to this field upon the resignation of Rev. O. C. Petersen, November 15, 1907. With residence at Greeneville, Dr. Schaeffer has rendered signal service in contiguous territory and has helped to inspire new hope in the Holston Synod. There are few pastors in this Synod, and a large outlying missionary territory. The work accomplished in the last year has been of true missionary character, and is already attended by encouraging results. The Board pays $450 and the Synod $250 annually in support of this work, the congregation paying $300.

FORMER MISSIONS NOW INDEPENDENT CHURCHES.

These are Knoxville, Richmond, Augusta, Winston, Norfolk, Newport News.

For further information, we refer to the statistical table elsewhere presented in this report.

THE MISSIONS NOW ON HAND.

These are East Tennessee, Bristol, Bluefield, Graham, Pulaski-Radford, Spartanburg, Olympia Mills, Atlanta, and Goodman, Mississippi. Three of these have been already mentioned. We now report concerning

BRISTOL.

Rev. K. Y. Umberger is pastor. Toward his support the Board appropriates $250 annually. This mission owns a very beautiful church

property, valued at not less than $10,000, and is admirably located. The auditorium is being put in order for worship, and the people are more hopeful than for several years past. The lecture room has heretofore served for the various services. Work was begun in Bristol in 1902, and while the growth is comparatively slow, the great importance of maintaining the cause in this beautiful and growing city calls for continued faithful work and substantial financial aid. (See Statistical Table).

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

This church, one of our more recent missions, is entirely out of debt, due to the energy of the Woman's Missionary Society of South Carolina Synod, and the favorable action of the South Carolina Synod. The Board of Missions made a donation of $1,000 on the building, loaned $500 for five years, and gives toward support of the pastor the small sum of $120 per annum. To Dr. Hallman is due the largest credit for the rapid development of the cause at Spartanburg.

OLYMPIA MILLS.

The work of Rev. C. E. Weltner and Mrs. Weltner among the population of this great cotton mill district at Columbia, S. C., is of so truly a missionary character, and is of such meritorious and approved method, that the Board felt it a duty to give favorable response to an appeal for help, and since July 1, 1908, has appropriated at the rate of $200 annually. In no other field, not even excepting the Mississippi and Holston Synods, are we called to do so distinctly an evangelistic home mission service. The call in that field is peculiarly to the Lutheran church through the special favor extended Rev. Weltner by the mill authorities. As a description of this work will probably be presented to this body in another connection, we defer further mention at this place.

BLUEFIELD-GRAHAM.

Though this mission has been on the hands of the Board for many years, it may appropriately be termed a new work, because of the long vacancy, and temporary surrender of Bluefield. But it has taken on new life, and Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, who took charge October 1, 1907, has given quite an impetus to the cause.

Bluefield, a growing city of 10,000 inhabitants, is connected with Graham, only two miles distant, by electric car line. Practically they are one city, though in different States. Graham having a church building, was more fortunate than Bluefield in procuring occasional services during the two-year vacancy, and suffered comparatively little. The cause at Bluefield, however, was almost lost, and the brethren were sceptical as to forming an organization again. But

now we can report that they have come together, have bought a very valuable and splendidly located lot for the sum of $6,500, have built a chapel on it, in anticipation of a fine church ultimately.

The Board is pledged to pay $400 on pastor's salary for the first year, the same to be reduced one-fifth annually. (For additional information see table of statistics).

PULASKI-RADFORD.

By agreement with the Synod of Southwestern Virginia, one year ago, the Board of Missions is to pay into the hands of the Executive Committee of said Synod $350, for the first year, and to deduct $70 annually, the payments, as in the case of Bluefield-Graham, to cease after lapse of five years, beginning July 1, 1907. This Mission is under the control of said Executive Committee. The pastor is Rev. G. H. Rhodes, who is doing efficient service. The membership of the two places is about 90. The lack of a church building at Radford has retarded the work there somewhat, though we are informed that a lot well located has been recently purchased. The cause at Pulaski where the pastor resides is in good condition. (See statistical table.)

MISSISSIPPI.

The president of the Board has made two visits to the Mississippi Synod during the biennium. These scattered brethren, descendents of pioneers who migrated thither over fifty years ago from South Carolina, are still rejoicing in the name of the Lutheran church, and cherish it with a devotion which appeals to our sympathy. The communicant membership is 716, divided into fourteen congregations, which are distributed into three settlements about one hundred miles apart. Inadequate support makes it hard to retain pastors who would devote their full time to the care of the churches. The result is unfortunate vacancies in the strongest pastorates. One pastorate of three congregations is now vacant, and the other of the same number will soon be vacant. The problem how to best serve the cause in Mississippi is a difficult one. The policy would seem to be to conserve what we have of organized congregations, through the agency of a synodical missionary, who should nourish these vacant charges and arrange for a permanent pastor, and join the several resident pastors in developing the congregations along all lines of church work, be a distributing agent of church literature, and in every possible way strengthen the things that remain, and at the same time gather together the Lutherans that have scattered in contiguous towns and cities into circles of Christian fellowship and service.

The man for this difficult and delicate service has not yet been available. The cost of this work has also been a partial hindrance to the accomplishment of the wishes of the Board.

ATLANTA.

On the 15th of March, 1908, Rev. E. C. Cronk, who had for five years been missionary pastor, and under whose successful ministry the property was secured and the present church was built, resigned the work in Atlanta to become Secretary of the Publication Board of the United Synod. He was succeeded at same date by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., who has been actively at work in carrying forward this very promising cause to larger results. The church property including parsonage is worth over $20,000, and the prospects for early independence are cheering. The membership is 160, and amount paid annually by the Board toward support of the pastor is $500. The activity and church loyalty of the good people of the Church of the Redeemer are most commendable, and the United Synod may well congratulate itself upon the results of its persevering purpose with respect to the Mission in the city of Atlanta. The substantial help of the Georgia Synod in promptly redeeming its liberal pledges contributed very largely to the success of this cause.

HOME MISSIONS—TABULATED STATEMENT.

I. HOME MISSIONS WHICH HAVE BECOME SELF-SUSTAINING.

PASTOR.	CHURCH.	When Organized.	Date of Independency.	Communicants.	Infant Membership.	S. S. Enrollment.	Value of Church Property	Amount of Debt	Annual Local Expenses, including Salary.	Annual Benevolence—Last Year.	Amount Paid by Board of Missions Annually.
Rev. V. C. Ridenhour, Knoxville, Tenn	St. John's	1890	1893	115	45	..	$16500	...	$ 1100	$ 132 00	...
Rev. J. J Scherer, Richmond, Va	First English Lutheran Church	..	..	385	200	225	41000	...	2760	60 00	...
Rev. J. B. Derrick, Augusta, Ga	Holy Trinity	1883	1905	187	..	119	15000	$ 1200	1100	200 00	...
Rev. E. A. Shenk, Winston, N. C	Augsburg	..	..	125	47	94	14000	...	...	....	...
Rev. W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va	First English Lutheran Church	1894	..	160	60	120	16000	3200	1400	120 00	...
Newport News, Va	Trinity	1898	..	119	115	92	8000	...	1500	51 90	...

II. MISSIONS RECEIVING AID, 1908.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Spartanburg, S. C.	Woman's Memorial	1902	..	47	8	35	$12000	...	$ 1000	$ 95 00	$ 120
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Greeneville, Tenn.	Church of Reformation, Greeneville	..	..	27	..	33	3000	...	136	$ 43 00	450
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D D., Greeneville, Tenn.	Trinity, Morristown	..	..	38	..	36	1000	...	248	73 00	...
Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, Bluefield, W. Va	Immanuel, Bluefield	..	..	45	..	30	7500	4500	600	50 00	400
Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, Bluefield, W. Va	Wartburg, Graham	..	..	43	..	60	4000	1350	500	40 00	...
Rev. K. Y. Umberger, Bristol, Tenn	Church of the Redeemer.	1902	..	68	18	69	10500	4000	500	25 00	250
Rev. J. L. Derrick, Goodman, Miss	St. Mark's	..	..	21	..	6	...	...	...	....	180
Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes, Pulaski, Va	Woman's Memorial	1888	..	68	29	130	6000	...	558	60 00	350
Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes, Pulaski, Va	Radford	..	..	30	..	..	800	...	61	37 00	...
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Atlanta, Ga	Church of the Redeemer.	1892	..	210	79	150	28000	7500	2201	218 00	500
Olympia Mills, S. C., Inner Missions	Rev. C. E. Weltner	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	....	200
Gifts during Biennium—to Spartanburg											1000
Gifts during Biennium—to Newport News											2059

APPEALS FOR AID.

1. Mississippi Synod appeals for State Missionary.

2. North Carolina Synod appeals in behalf of Greensboro, a city claiming 35,000 population.

3. The Georgia Synod appeals in behalf of Macon.

4. Interested individuals appeal in behalf of Aiken, S. C.

These and other less formal appeals have received considerate attention, but the Board has not been sufficiently supported by the synods and churches to justify the financial obligations involved.

5. The Board adds its earnest appeal for larger contributions for missions, and with such open doors at home and abroad, would call for not less than $40,000 for the coming year, and appeals to the United Synod to endorse the call. We must have $15,000 for the Japan cause. We should have at least $15,000 for Home Missions, and not less than $10,000 for Church Extension Fund.

We hail the dawn of a brighter day for missions, a day wherein the call of the Church of Christ will appeal with more effectiveness to all our people. There is evidently a growing missionary spirit among the churches, and though we have our due proportion of under-evangelized membership, there are not a few who are awaking to a larger vision, and a clearer conviction of duty in behalf of the world's evangelization. The Lutheran church in the South awaits an advance movement in behalf of missions; her spiritual development calls for an aggressive missionary propaganda—a distinct forward movement.

MISCELLANY.

1. In regard to the kindergarten school building, in behalf of which an earnest appeal comes from Saga, we have authorized Miss Gertrude Simpson and Miss Bowers to proceed to raise the sum of $1,000, and we commend their laudable undertaking to the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the friends of the cause.

2. The Treasurer of our Board, Mr. John A. Cline, has served faithfully, and at no little expenditure of time. The matter of giving guarantee bond was suggested by himself, discussed by the Board, and approved. The requirements of the bonding companies, however, were so burdensome in practical execution, that proceedings in this direction have been suspended, for the time being. The requirement of the Board that receipts from all sources be acknowledged monthly in the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, and the additional agreement and arrangement that all checks drawn by the Treasurer shall be countersigned by the President of the Board, together with the provision that there shall be a quarterly auditing of Treasurer's accounts, seems to obviate the need of further safeguarding, and as the Treasurer is willing to take this as a substitute, we have postponed assenting to his

request to be bonded. We as a Board, are fully satisfied that our confidence will be duplicated by that of the whole church.

While we voted $100 per annum in the way of reimbursement for the time expended, we recognize that as compensation for his labors it is entirely inadequate.

3. Of the $25,000 pledged for Mission School in Japan, there has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Board over $20,000. The residue is in good hands, and we have every reason to believe that the entire amount will be realized. The Board puts on record its gratification and thankfulness for the generous spirit prompting the kind patrons to come up so nobly and promptly to the support of this worthy cause. The amounts received have been deposited in bank for safe keeping, the same bearing interest at 4 per cent.

4. The recognized need of another mission home in Japan of foreign, or partially foreign style, has prompted the Woman's Societies of Southwestern Virginia Synod and of the North Carolina Synod to devote one-half of the income under what has been known as the "Forward Movement," to this cause, and are arranging for a liberal "Thank Offering" during the coming year. It is probable that this method will be approved by the "Woman's Conference" now held in Savannah, and that new interest will be given to the movement.

This is a pressing need, and the women should receive cordial co-operation among all the churches. It is important that the money be secured within twelve months. This means activity all along the line.

5. The Report of the Treasurer, herewith submitted, is made a part of this report, the same having been audited as of September 30, 1908, covering two years and three months.

6. We find that the month of June has not yielded the hoped for returns for Home Missions, though special efforts have been made to magnify this festival; we therefore recommend a change in the annual festivals, and while we regret the seeming antithesis in the terms "Home" and "Foreign," and could wish that the churches could rise above these artificial distinctions, we deem it advisable to use these terms in the designation of annual festivals for at least another biennium.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the United Synod designate $40,000 as the amount which should be given annually for the extension of Christ's kingdom in the propagation of the faith entrusted to us as the United Synod of the Lutheran church in the South.

2. That Epiphany season be adopted for special offerings for Foreign Missions in all our congregations.

3. That April be continued as Japan month in all our Sunday-schools.

4. That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all the churches.

5. That Luther Day, or Sunday nearest November 10th, be known as Home Mission Day in all our Sunday-schools.

6. That the proceedings of the Board as herein recorded, be approved as far as the same may accord with the sentiment of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted

BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

TREASURER'S REPORT—JULY 1, 1906, TO SEPT. 30, 1908.

JOHN A. CLINE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
MISSION FUNDS OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

MISSION LEAGUE.

1906.		DR.	
July 1.	To balance om hand last report	$ 1243	95
	To amount from all sources	3742	10
		$ 4986	05
	CR.		
	By amount to Foreign Missions	$ 40	00
	By amount to J. A. Cline, Treasurer, salary	100	00
	By amount to Rev. G. D. Bernheim, interest	120	00
	By amount to Rev. R. C. Holland, expenses to Tenn., Va., and Southwestern Va. Synods	67	25
	Stamps and printing	16	60
1908.		$ 343	85
Sept. 30.	By balance	4632	20

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

1906.			
Sept 23.	To amount from Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treas. E. L. Tennessee Synod, for Emmanuel's congregation, New Market, Va	$ 31	30
1908.			
Jan. 2.	To amount from Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treas., for Emmanuel's congregation, New Market, Va	23	40
Sept. 3.	Chas. H. Steiglitz, Treasurer, Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta	200	00
	To interest	14	65
April 28.	Chas. H. Steiglitz, Treasurer	100	00
	Cash in Cabarrus Savings Bank	$ 369	35

RESOURCES.

Certificate So. L. & T. Co	$ 1000 00
Interest	30 00
Owing from W. H. & F. M. Society (S. C.)	500 00
Cash above reported	369 35
Returned from H. M. Fund in full of amt. borrowed	771 89
	$ 2671 24

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1906. DR.

July 1.	To balance last settlement	$1936 17
	To amount from all sources	18142 41
		$20078 58
	Amount to Church Extension	23 40
		$20055 13

CR.

By salary to Rev. C. L. Brown	$ 2427 07
By salary to Rev. C. K. Lippard	2657 95
By salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	1933 28
By salary to Rev. L. S. G. Miller	679 76
By amt. incidentals	4473 77
By amt. expenses, board, travel, salary superintendent and all other expenses	1437 54
By amt. travel to and from Japan for all missionaris.	2388 32
By amt. allowed on outfits	500 00
By amt. to Spartanburg church	257 35
By amt. health allowance	225 00
By amt. for kindergarten	170 30
By amt. J. A. Cline on salary	100 00
By amt. G. D. Bernheim, interest	155 83
By amt income tax, Brown and Lippard	225 00
1908.	$17631 18
Sept. 30. To cash balance	2424 00
	$20055 18

WOMAN'S $20,000 FORWARD MOVEMENT.

1906. DR.

July 1.	To balance last settlement	$ 3865 35
	To amt. from all sources	1169 76
	To interest at 4 per cent. deposit	276 01
		$ 5311 13

CR.

By amt. Foreign Missions	$ 20 00
By amt. to Mrs. W. F. Morehead	401 89
By amt. to Henkel & Co., printing	7 44
By amt. Rev. S. T. Hallman for Miss Harms	15 00
	$ 444 33
By balance, Sept. 30, 1908	4866 80
	$ 5311 13

HOME MISSIONS.

1906. DR.

July To balance last settlement	$ 903 60
To amt. from all sources	10299 05
	$11352 65
Less amt. to Church Ex	345 95
	$10856 70

CR.

By amt. to Miss. mission on pastor's salary	$ 415 00
By amt. to Morristown mission on pastor's salary.	172 50
By amt. to Norfolk mission on pastor's salary	140 00
By amt. to Newport News mission on pastor's salary	800 00
By amt. to Atlanta mission on pastor's salary	1345 80
By amt. to Bristol mission on pastor's salary	541 62
By amt. to Radford-Pulaski mission on pastor's salary	419 24
By amt. to Greenville mission on pastor's salary	412 50
By amt. to Bluefield mission on pastor's salary	366 67
By amt. to Spartanburg mission on pastor's salary.	260 00
By amt. to Olympia Mills mission on pastor's salary	49 98
By amt. to Spartanburg church	1268 25
By amt. to Newport News church	287 15
By amt. all other expenses of Board, salary of Supt., printing, traveling, postage, Board meetings, etc	1313 94
	$ 7842 35
By balance, Sept. 30, 1908	3014 35
	$10856 70

JAPAN SCHOOL.

DR.

To amt. from all sources	$16748 67

1907.	CR.	
Dec. 24.	By error draft, J. H. Ount	$ 101 50
1908		
June 21.	Amt. to Rev. R. C. Holland, error in remittance in favor of Miss Simpson	25 00
Sept. 30	By balance	16622 17
		$16748 67

ATLANTA MISSION.

1906.		
July 1.	To balance last settlement	$ 8 50
1908.		
Sept. 30.	By balance	8 50

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. CLINE,
TREASURER MISSION BOARD.

This is to certify that the foregoing account of Treasurer John A. Cline, has been carefully audited, with vouchers filed, and we have found the same correct.

R. C. HOLLAND,
September 30, 1908. W. A. DEATON.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

The Treasurer's Report makes exhibit as follows of all moneys contributed for United Synod purposes and passing through his hands during the two years and three months ending Sept. 30, 1908:

Japan School Fund	$16,748 67
Home Missions	10,299 05
Woman's Forward Movement	1,169 76
Foreign Missions	18,142 41
Church Extension	2,671 24
Mission League	3,742 10
	$52,773 23

The average per member as shown by this summary is 57½ cents, counting the membership at 40,000. Omitting the Japan School Fund, the average is 40 cents per annum, which is an improvement of 33 per cent. over last year. If school fund is included the increase is almost 100 per cent.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Amounts Contributed by Each Synod from July 1, 1906, to Oct. 1, 1908.

Virginia Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 4244 06
Home Missions	3098 28
	$ 7342 34

Southwestern Virginia Synod,

Foreign Missions	$ 2877 46
Home Missions	1230 44
	$ 4107 90

North Carolina Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 3256 57
Home Missions	1691 43
	$ 4948 00

Tennessee Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 2010 34
Home Missions	816 26
	$ 2826 60

South Carolina Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 4057 46
Home Missions	1650 99
	$ 5708 45

Holston Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 452 14
Home Missions	196 48
	$ 648 62

Mississippi Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 101 69
Home Missions	117 25
	$ 218 94

Georgia Synod.

Foreign Missions	$ 894 13
Home Missions	1149 14
	$ 2043 27
	$27844 12

MISSION LEAGUE.

Sources of this Fund.

Tennessee Synod	$ 1395 00
Virginia Synod	462 00
Southwestern Virginia Synod	103 60
South Carolina Synod	228 00
Georgia Synod	247 50
Mississippi Synod	60 00
Holston Synod	5 00
North Carolina Synod	945 00
All other sources	296 00
	$3742 10

The following Standing Committees were appointed :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., Rev. H. A. McCullough, Rev. C. A. Freed, Rev. W. H. Roof, Mr. H. D. Derrick, Mr. B. B. Miller.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod.*—Rev. T. W. Shealy, Rev. C. Brown Cox, Rev. E. L. Folk, Mr. Silone Pence, Mr. A. G. Wise.

3. *On District Synods.*—Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Rev. W. A. Deaton, Rev. M. J. Epting, Mr. W. P. Houseal, Mr. S. S. Cassell.

4. *On Devotional Exercises.*—Pastor loci and officers of Synod.

5. *On Theological Seminary.*—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, J. F. Deal, S. C. Ballentine, Mr. J. A. Cline, Mr. Jacob Paulsen.

6. *On Literary Institutions.*—Rev. J. E. Shenk, Rev. W. H. Riser, Rev. E. L. Wessinger, Mr. Jas. P. Cook, Prof. S. A. Wolff.

7. *On Orphan Home.*—Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph. D., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Rev. W. P. Huddle, Mr. A. H. Kohn, Mr. J. M. Rhodes.

8. *On Missions.*—Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., Rev. W. C. Davis, Mr. W. A. Beck, Mr. J. W. Jenny, Mr. J. M. Gnann.

9. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. J. W. Murry, E. M. Minnick, G. J. Eichhorn.

10. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. V. Y. Boozer, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, T. O. Keister, D. D., Mr. D. A. Rudisill, Mr. J. E. Cale.

11. *On Church Literature.*—Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., Rev. A. R. Beck, Rev. J. D. Kinard, Mr. W. W. Koch, Mr. E. D. Bedenbaugh.

12. *To Nominate Visitors to Other Bodies.*—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. A. L. Bolick, Mr. J. E. Cooper.

A petition from the North Carolina Synod was presented, requesting action as to Greensboro, N. C., which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The official visitor to Elizabeth College made the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF VISITOR TO ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

Since the last meeting of the United Synod, I have made several visits to Elizabeth College, and have kept in close touch with its work. That institution grows more efficient as it grows older, and is extending its influence year by year. Elizabeth College possesses one of the finest sites and one of the most complete equipments, possessed by any college for women in the South. It is loyal to the Lutheran church in its administration, and deserves the patronage of all of our people. The church should use all possible means to bring the benefits of this splendid institution within the reach of all of her daughters.

W. H. GREEVER.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., presented a proposed deliverance on Divorce and Remarriage, which was received for consideration. Pending its discussion, Synod adjourned. Benediction by Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7, 1908, 3 P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh.

The discussion of the pending deliverance on Divorce and Remarriage was resumed, and the paper adopted.

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

At the ninth convention of this body a series of propositions on Divorce and Remarriage was submitted for consideration at the following convention [Min. IX. Conv., p. 124]. At the last convention these propositions were simply ordered to be reprinted [Min. X. Conv., p. 72].

The United Synod now expresses its judgment in regard to these propositions as follows :

They contain a timely and forceful statement of the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce, now unhappily so widely prevalent.

But they require qualification so as to recognize the right of the innocent divorced party to remarry.

The dissolution of the marriage bond for reasons explicitly recognized by our Lord and in Scripture must be regarded as sanctioned by God himself, and the innocent party "is not under bondage in such cases" (I. Cor. 7:15). There is nothing in Scripture to forbid such marriage of the innocent party, for the passages Mt. 5:32; 19:9; Mk. 10:11, 12; Lu. 16:18, imply that there was no true dissolution of marriage. Accordingly the Smalkald Articles (Jacob's translation, p. 35), declare: "Unjust also is the tradition which forbids an innocent person to marry after divorce."

A. G. VOIGT.

Mr. Jno. M. Lichtenwanger and all the visiting ministers were received as advisory members of this Synod.

The following report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home was received, and referred to the Committee on Orphan Home.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE ORPHAN HOME.

During the last biennium the Orphan Home has grown in efficiency and usefulness. The number of children under its immediate care is 72. Others are to be admitted in a few weeks. The capacity of the first three stories is nearly full, and if we are forced to occupy the fourth, as now seems probable, we will be compelled to have more helpers. Besides the Superintendent there are five assistants. We have recently been under the necessity of increasing the salaries of each of the assistants and thus of adding about two hundred dollars to our annual expenses. The last report of the Treasurer showed that during the last year, ending in June, the receipts were $6,213 and the disbursements were $6,171. The receipts on current expenses were $5,535. The expense per month has been about $487. Hereafter it will probably be $500. The accounts are audited each month by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. The home is conducted as economically as it can be for even a fair degree of comfort to the children. Visitors are disposed to criticise the economy rather than the luxury. We were compelled to install a heating plant at a cost of $2,700. The stoves were worn out. The safety of the building and the health of the children made a new system of heating a necessity. The Ladies' Visiting Committee and every visitor urged that it be done at once. The various systems were carefully considered, bids were taken, and the contract let. It will soon be in operation. This together with a note of $500 which we have been unable to pay makes the debt of the

corporation $3,200. But we have on hand a heating fund of $1,500 reducing the debt.

During the biennium, there have been two bequests in which the home is interested. Mr. J. B. Hyler, of Lexington county, South Carolina, made St. Michael's church the trustee of $1,000 to be used for the benefit of the home. Mr. T. J. Shickel, a member of the corporation, left a residuary legacy of one-fifth of his estate at the final settlement.

The school in the home compares with the school in the town below the department known as the High School. The children are carefully taught by competent teachers. Roanoke College receives without cost those who have completed the course in the home, and both home and college are very much gratified at the results hitherto attained.

On Palm Sunday, seventeen children were confirmed by the Pastor of College Lutheran church after careful instruction. All children who have not been baptized are on admission baptized with the Superintendent as sponsor.

The home is well prepared to equip the girls for their life work. Besides their education in the Grammar school they are taught how to cook and sew, and if bright music, and are enabled even to get a collegiate education. But we are not so well equipped for the education of the boys. As soon as the United Synod is prepared to undertake the work, we should like to call attention to the great need of some kind of workshops where the boys can learn some handicraft by which they may support themselves or from which they can the more readily go into some other mechanical industry.

Two vacancies in the corporation occurred during the past year, one by death and the other by forfeiture under the charter. For convenience at this convention and for future reference, a list of the members of the corporation with the date of the expiration of their terms follows:

1912. A. L. Henkel, Paul Sieg, J. Frank Clemmer.
1913. H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, Paul S. Davis.
1909. L. G. M. Miller, J. P. Houtz, A. D. R. Hancher, C. B. Miller, J. P. Gose.
1910. F. V. N. Painter, A. M. Bowman, M. M. Kinard, S. L. Keller, L. L. Smith.
1911. L. A. Fox, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, R. C. Holland.

It will be necessary at this convention to nominate two men to fill the vacancies in class 1912 and five men for each of the classes 1909 and 1910.

We submit with this as a part of our report a copy of the By-Laws, adopted at our last meeting, which we were ordered to prepare.

L. A. FOX,
PRESIDENT OF CORPORATION.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CORPORATION ON RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME, SALEM, VA.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees shall consist of the officers of the corporation and of such other members of the Board of Trustees as the board may elect at its annual meeting. It shall hold monthly meetings on, or near the first Monday in every month. It shall audit all accounts, and no money shall be paid out of the treasury without its order. It shall elect all teachers and assistants in the home who are not elected by this board. It shall have general supervision of the home in all its departments. It shall carry out all orders of the board, and transact all business committed to it under the General Rules of the Board. It shall decide all questions of admission and discharge of children. It must make a full report of the year to the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and this corporation.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

1. The Superintendent must be a member of the Lutheran church, in good and regular standing in some congregation in connection with the United Synod of the South.

2. He must be elected for one year by the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting. A vacancy may be filled by a special meeting of the board, or by the Executive Committee until the next regular meeting of the board.

3. He shall have immediate control of the home in all its departments, subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees. Every teacher and assistant shall be amenable to him, and he shall be responsible to the board for the way in which they discharge their duties.

4. He shall conduct daily worship in this home, and have the care of the physical, intellectual, and spiritual education of the children. He shall be principal of his school, provide for the religious instruction of the children, see that they are properly clothed and fed, and cared for, have charge of the garden and lots of the home, see that both boys and girls perform such labors as are required of them, and discharge, under the authority of the Executive Committee, all the duties that belong to a "house-father."

5. All applications for admission of children into the home must be made to him. It shall be his duty to investigate each case and report the facts to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, without whose approval no child will be received or dismissed from the home.

6. He shall keep all the records of the home, which shall contain the name, date of birth, date of entrance into the home, of the dismissal of each child, and all other items of its history that may be of importance. He shall keep a file of all letters in regard to the admission and withdrawal of children, and such other correspondence as may be of value in his administration, or the history of the home.

7. He shall not absent himself for a longer period than a day without the consent of the Executive Committee.

8. He must prepare a full report of the work of the year, to be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

MATRON AND TEACHERS.

The matron and teachers must be members of the Lutheran church. The matron, in connection with the Superintendent, shall direct the domestic affairs of the home. The teachers, in addition to their duties in the schoolroom, shall render such other assistance as may be assigned them by their Superintendent. No matron or teacher will be retained who is not deeply interested in the children and in thorough sympathy with the work of the home.

CHILDREN.

1. No child under FIVE years of age, nor over TWELVE, can be admitted. No illegitimate child of any age will be received.

2. Boys are to be dismissed at sixteen, and girls at eighteen years of age.

3. Children of Lutheran parents and full orphans are to have the preference in point of admission.

4. Children who are fully, and those who are in part, orphans, but who are not wholly destitute, may be admitted by paying such amounts per month as the Superintendent and the Executive Committee may decide.

5. All children must attend regularly the services of the Lutheran congregation, and be taught the Lutheran doctrine.

6. Children are not permitted to leave the home, except under extraordinary circumstances, and then only by the consent of the Superintendent and the Executive Committee.

7. The older children may be permitted to become students of Roanoke College, with the consent of the Superintendent and the Executive Committee.

VISITORS.

1. Visitors may be admitted to the home at such times as are convenient, but they are not allowed to go through the buildings or grounds unless escorted by the Superintendent, or matron, or some one designated by them.

2. No one will be permitted to call upon any child, except under the conditions laid down by the Executive Committee, and the special consent of the Superintendent.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

1. The charter shall not be changed without the consent of the United Synod.

2. The Orphan Home and its curtelage, comprised in Section 19 of the Salem Improvement Company, cannot be sold or encumbered without the consent of the United Synod.

3. The corporation shall make reports to the regular meetings; and, if called upon, to the special meetings of the United Synod; and the Trustees shall make reports to the corporation annually, or as often as required.

4. The corporation shall carry out all the requirements of the United Synod, provided no such requirements shall violate the charter of the corporation.

5. Regular and systematic religious instruction shall be given the children, including Bible Study and the Symbols of the Church.

6. None of the preceding rules shall be changed without the consent of the United Synod.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. A. Freed.

At 8.30 p. m., the vesper service was conducted by Rev. A. R. Beck, and addresses on missions were made by Revs. M. O. J. Kreps and W. H. Riser.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8, 1908, 9.30 A. M.

Synod convened, and opened with devotional services, led by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Deaton.

The roll was called, minutes of yesterday's sessions read and adopted.

The Report of Committee on Common Book of Worship

was read, received, and referred to the following committee: Revs. J. B. Greiner, W. A. C. Muller, E. C. Cronk, and Messrs. J. L. Wisman and J. D. Heilig.

Mr. H. S. Boner was recognized. Prof. J. T. Crabtree was received as an advisory member.

The Publishing Committee made their report, which was referred to the following committee: Revs. R. C. Holland, C. K. Bell, M. O. J. Kreps, A. D. R. Hancher, and Messrs. J. E. Cooper, H. L. Bonham, and J. M. Rhodes.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary reported. Report referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Report submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Savanah, Ga., Oct. 8, 1908.

To the President and Members of the United Synod,

BRETHREN: The Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account respectfully report that they have examined the report of C. H. Duls, Treasurer of the United Synod, and found the same correct, all disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers. The "F. P. Cover" fund apparently is safely invested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MURRY,
E. M. MINNICK,
GEO. J. EICHHORN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. H. DULS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

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July 10, 1906.	To bal. in hands Treas. (p. 48, last Minutes) .	$ 88 32
Dec. 19, "	Recd. of Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt, Dean, (money bor. to pay Stecher Lithographic Co. in part)	529 70
Feb. 15, '07.	Recd. of M. Coffman, Treas. of Virginia Synod (½ c. per capita)	30 21
Apr. 14, '07.	Recd. of Dr. A. B. Greiner, for Mt. Airy pastorate, towards U. S. expenses	85

May 3, '07.	Recd. of J. M. Kinser, Treas. Holston Synod, on current expenses	$ 7 50
June 21, '07.	Recd. of J. M. Gnann, Treas. Georgia Synod, for U. Synod, Exp. Fund	16 00
Aug. 8. '07.	Recd. of Treas. E. L. Synod of Virginia	30 21
17, '07.	Recd. of Treas. E. L. Tennessee Synod	50 50
29, '07.	Recd. of S. W. Va. Synod	34 63
Sep. 29, '08.	Recd. of United Synod Pub. Co. (per Rev. A. G. Voigt) proceeds from sale of picture charts	104 94
	Total receipts	$ 892 86

Note o. Several synods yet to report.

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July 21, '06.	Paid to Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, (p. 91, last Minutes)	$ 25 00
Oct. 16, '06.	Paid Band & White (p. 95, last Minutes)	6 25
Oct. 29, '06.	Paid Rev. R. C. Holland (copies Dr. Jacob's address, p. —, last Minutes)	14 75
Dec. 14, '06.	Paid Stecher Lithographic Co. (pp. 54 and 57, last Minutes)	568 02
July 10, '07.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean, interest on loan (page 57, last Minutes)	13 24
Jan. 30, '08.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean, interest on loan (p. 57, last Minutes)	13 24
Jan. 30, '08.	Paid to John W. Horine, delegate to General Synod (p. 96, last Minutes)	30 00
May 5, '08.	Paid Henkel & Co. (on act., p. 91, last Minutes)	50 00
Sept. 25, '08.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean, int. on loan (p. 57, last Minutes)	13 14
Sept. 25, '08.	Paid Rev. L. A. Fox, delegate to General Council (p. 96, last Minutes)	32 00
	Check enclosed herewith to President in favor A. G. Voigt, Dean	27 00
	Check enclosed herewith to President in favor Henkel & Co	100 22
	Total disbursements	$ 892 86

Note 1. Deducting from the $104.94 proceeds sale of picture charts the amounts advanced out of the treasury on Stecher Lithographic Co. account and for interest on the Theological Seminary loan of $529.70 (borrowed to pay off said Lithographic Co. indebtedness), leaves balance applicable towards paying the seminary note, $27.

Note 2. The Treasurer files check for aforementioned $27, also

check for $100.22 in favor Henkel & Co., with this report, as the picture chart fund has been very recently received, and he desires the approval of proper officials or of Synod in this disbursement of the fund, and agrees with the President that the proceeds of sale of charts should be credited on debt incurred for them.

Note 3. After applying the two checks as indicated, there will still be due Henkel & Co. $202.50; and also due Theological Seminary for money borrowed to pay Stecher Lithographic Co., $529.70 and interest as indicated in this report—less the $27, to be paid as indicated *supra*.

THE F. P. COVER FUND.

After conferring with the Advisory Committee, appointed by Synod for the purpose (p. 48, last Minutes) the Treasurer invested this fund of $10,000 on first mortgage real estate security in Mecklenburg Co., N. C., through the Southern Real Estate Loan and Trust Company, of Charlotte, N. C., the loans bearing 6 per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually. The correspondence with the Advisory Committee is submitted herewith. The Treasurer believes this fund is securely invested in accordance with the provisions of the will of the testator and the instructions of Synod, and he exhibits and files the papers and securities evidencing the investments herewith. $8,500 of this fund was loaned out on and has been bearing interest since August 14, 1906. The remaining $1,500 was loaned out on and has been bearing interest since August 15, 1906.

The interest has been paid on the $8,500 to Aug. 14, 1908 . .	$1020 00
The interest has been paid on the $1,500 to Aug, 15, 1908 . .	180 00
	$1200 00

Of this interest, there has been paid:

To Rev. J. A. Huffard, pastor Ebenezer Evan Luth. church .	$ 120 00
To Paul S. Davis, Treas. Lutheran Orphan Home	1080 00
	$1200 00

Vouchers for said payments are also herewith filed.

Respectfully submitted,

October 6, 1908. C. H. DULS, TREASURER.

On motion, "A Committee on Finance" was added to the list of Standing Committees, and numbered 12. See Rules of Order, p. 6.

The Committee on Theological Seminary made their report, which was received and considered by items.

Pending the consideration of this report, Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. C. E. Weltner.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8, 1908, 3. P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. D. Kinard.

The credentials of Rev. I. O. Baker, official visitor from the General Council, were received; and also those of Rev. John C. Bowers, official visitor from the General Synod.

On motion, 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow was fixed as the time to hear these official visitors.

On motion, 11 a. m. tomorrow was fixed as the time for the consideration of the Report of the Publication Board.

The following paper was received from the Woman's Conference:

PAPER FROM WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That this conference, representing the women's missionary societies of the United Synod of the South, does hereby give official assurance to the United Synod that these societies in all their plans and purposes desire to conform strictly to the will of the United Synod and to co-operate most heartily in all the work of the church conducted through the regular channels; and, furthermore, that in every specific undertaking of more than incidental importance they particularly desire the advice and approval of the Mission Board.

RESPONSE FROM THE UNITED SYNOD.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the reading of the message from the Woman's Missionary Conference, and that the same be printed in our Minutes; and that they be requested to furnish an abstract of the proceedings of their convention, to be published in the Minutes of the United Synod.

The Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary was taken up, amended, and finally adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your Committee on Theological Seminary is glad to report that the general condition of the institution is satisfactory. If, however, the chief work of the Church is to make known the Gospel to those who know it not, and to strengthen those who receive it, then it is obligatory upon the Church to provide the fullest training of the men called to preach the Gospel. To this end the further enlargement of the Seminary is necessary. More instructors are required. Facilities to serve the Church are urged.

Your committee would therefore recommend :

1. That the Seminary be removed from Mount Pleasant.

2. That, when the Seminary shall have been moved, the Board of Directors be and are hereby authorized to secure $50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the desired enlargement and equipment of the institution.

3. That until the required amount is secured the several synods continue their annual contributions to the support of the Seminary.

4. That the report of Board of Directors be considered by items.

5. That a committee of one from each synod, in connection with the Board of Directors of the Seminary, be appointed and empowered to carry out the actions of Synod respecting the re-location of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. F. DEAL,
S. C. BALLENTINE,
J. A. CLINE,
JACOB PAULSEN.

Under item 5 the following committee was appointed :

Revs. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., C. K. Bell, J. A. Morehead, D. D., L. A. Fox, D. D., E. C. Cronk, J. L. Derrick, V. C. Ridenhour, and O. B. Mayer, M. D.

Pending the consideration of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., and C. B. King, D. D., were received as advisory members.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D.

At 8.30 p. m., Rev. W. J. Finck made an address on Inner Missions, and Mr. Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D., on Our Publication Cause. Vesper service conducted by Rev. H. A. McCullough.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9, 1908, 9.30 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing, and prayer led by Rev. J. F. Deal.

The pending report was now taken up, and considered by items :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary chosen at the last convention of the United Synod met promptly and organized by the election of the following officers, viz. :

President—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.
Vice-President—Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D.
Secretary—John F. Ficken.
Treasurer—C. M. Ffird.

Work of the Seminary.

2. The attendance during the session of 1906-07 embraced nine students in all, viz.: two seniors, three middle class, and four juniors. At the close of the session two received certificates of graduation. During the session the two regular professors were assisted by Rev. Jno. W. Horine and Rev. W. A. C. Muller who delivered special courses of lectures.

During the session of 1907-08 fourteen students were in attendance, viz.: Three seniors, five middle class, and six juniors. At the commencement in May, 1908, three students received certificates of graduation. The Rev. W. A. C. Muller and the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., assisted the regular faculty by delivering special lectures during the session.

3. Under the full powers vested in this board at a previous convention of the United Synod, the board was authorized to sell the Seminary property, located in Mount Pleasant, and to remove the institution to the city of Charleston, S. C. The times were not auspicious for a sale, and the matter was not consummated.

The Board of Directors have given this question of the removal of the Seminary the most careful consideration ; and at its last meeting adopted the following stated resolution, viz.:

Whereas, The United Synod in convention at New Market, Va., vested the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary with full power to sell the real estate used by the Seminary and located in Mount Pleasant, S. C.. with a view to the establishment of the Seminary in the city of Charleston, S. C. ; and inasmuch as the Board of Directors has not fully exercised the power thus vested in it in bringing the matter of transfer of location to final consummation ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the judgment of this board the authority to remove the Seminary to Charleston, S. C., should remain in force

until the first day of May, 1909, and that unless such removal be assured on or before that date, the Board of Directors should be authorized to establish the Seminary at some point other than Mount Pleasant within the bounds of the United Synod, and that the United Synod be asked to grant the Board of Directors this additional authority.

The request of the Board of Directors as expressed in this resolution is therefore respectfully submitted to the Synod for consideration and action thereon.

4. The following is a general summary of the finances of the board, viz.:

1908.

May 9.	Amount of investments held by the Treasurer	$31,302 00
	Cash in hands of Treasurer	909 62
	Total	$32,211 62

INCOME ACCOUNT.

1907.

May 6.	To cash in hands of Treasurer	$ 724 48
	To cash received by him during the year ending May, 1908	3403 04
		$ 4127 52

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By cash paid out during the year	$ 3332 15
Balance on hand	$ 795 37

5. The receipts from the invested fund being insufficient to meet expenses we recommend the same annual synodical apportionment as adopted at the last convention, viz.:

North Carolina Synod	$133 00
Tennessee Synod	100 00
South Carolina Synod	143 00
Virginia Synod	120 00
Southwestern Virginia Synod	87 00
Georgia Synod	66 00
Holston Synod	17 00
Mississippi Synod	5 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. FICKEN,
SECRETARY BOARD TRUSTEES.

All the items of this report were adopted *except* No. 3, under which the following was adopted :

That the preamble of item 3 be adopted, and the resolving part be not adopted, and in place of the resolving part of said item it is resolved that resolutions 1, 2, and 4, on pages 58 and 59, of the Minutes of this Synod for 1904, be continued in force.

The report of Rev. John W. Horine, delegate to the General Synod, was received and adopted :

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Charleston, S. C., August 3, 1907.

REV. A. G. VOIGT, D. D., PRESIDENT OF UNITED SYNOD,

Dear Sir :—Your delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America would respectfully report that the forty-third convention of that body was held in Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church, Sunbury, Pa., beginning May 22, 1907. While your delegate was not able to be present at the opening session, it was his privilege to attend the subsequent sessions until the day prior to adjournment. He was especially impressed by three things : (1) the earnest, aggressive spirit manifested by the brethren of the General Synod and the unity and unanimity with which they project and execute their extensive and diversified work ; (2) the admirable efficiency of the several committees and boards in the performance of the duties assigned to them and the fulness and clearness of their printed reports ; (3) the prominence of laymen in the deliberations and business of the synod and their willing sacrifice of time and means in its service.

On Monday, May 26th, an opportunity was given your delegate to present the greetings of the United Synod. In doing so, he took occasion to describe the relative size and strength of the United Synod and the General Synod and to show that, in point of liberality and results obtained, the former body had no reason to shrink from the comparison. Special emphasis was laid upon the present status and the probable future growth and needs of our home and foreign mission fields.

Your delegate, as the representative of the United Synod, was received with much kindness. The Rev. Prof. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., for the President, replied to your greetings most happily and fraternally. He gave assurance that the General Synod takes a deep and genuine interest in the United Synod and its work, sympathizes with us in the difficult problems which are pressing for a solution, and rejoices in the faith and courage with which we are advancing to the accomplishment of our providential task.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HORINE.

The report of Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., delegate to General Council, was received and adopted as follows :

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

It was the privilege and pleasure of your delegate to the General Council to attend the last meeting held at Buffalo, N. Y., in September, 1907. He was cordially received and heard with kind respect. It was a body of able men, conscious of a great mission and full of faith and courage. They have a profound conviction, not merely of the certainty of the fundamental principles of religion, but also of the truth of the Lutheran Confessions. Their heroic devotion to religious principles is invigorating and inspiring in this age of hesitancy and doubt. They realize what it would be if the foundations were removed. There was a seriousness and earnestness running through the whole convention not always seen in ecclesiastical meetings. With every language spoken by Lutherans in America, the transactions were only in English. Much interest was manifested in the work of the United Synod of the South. The agreement between the Secretary of their Home Mission Board and the President of our Mission Board in regard to missions in the South was unanimously and heartily ratified. It is generous help that we cannot fail to appreciate. Since the adjournment of the convention of the Council in Buffalo, their Foreign Mission Board has begun work in co-operation with us in Japan. One of our own young men has already sailed to take charge of the work. The ties between the United Synod and the General Council are drawing closer. They have much in common. They have the same Confessional Basis and stand for the same great cause. Both are trying to hold up the supreme importance of pure truth in a time of widespread latitudinarianism. Both emphasize a genuine piety over against a sentimental pietism. Both are conservative, but try to rise above a dead conservatism and assimilate the new that is proven true without being carried away by every wave of rationalism. The Council is doing a great work in its own field. Besides its peculiar mission of gathering the multi-lingual Lutherans in America into one great body, it is building important institutions of learning, cultivating a large home mission territory, pushing forward its foreign mission, and leading all the Church in eleemosynary service.

Rev. I. O. Baker, D. D., was appointed delegate to our present convention.

L. A. FOX.

Rev. J. C. Bowers, official visitor from the General Synod, and Rev. I. O. Baker, official visitor from the General

Council, presented the fraternal greetings of their respective synods, to which the President of Synod responded most heartily.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod places on record its hearty and grateful appreciation of the generous and liberal aid of the people of Mt. Pleasant and Charleston by which the establishment of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Pleasant was made practicable.

Hon. C. M. Efird and Hon. J. D. Cappelman were excused from further attendance upon this convention of Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet after the service tonight.

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Davis.

At 8.30 p. m., Rev. V. Y. Boozer made an address on Education for the Ministry; and Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., on Orphan Home.

The evening service was conducted by Rev. C. Brown Cox.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9, 1908. 10 P. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Rev. T. W. Shealy.

Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., presented the report on our Publication Cause, which was considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT ON THE REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Publishing Committee presents a full and most satisfactory statement of the great work accomplished since the last meeting of this body. It presents the history of the development of the publication cause, which is most gratifying; and clearly indicates in its explicit and comprehensive record that the committee has proceeded both judiciously and bravely, culminating in the completion of a great building costing $39,943.48 in which the United Synod holds stock to the amount of $5,418.94 in cash in addition to $8,452.50 outstanding subscriptions toward the extinguishment of the debt on the building. This great work has been accomplished without involving the United Synod in any financial responsibility.

This building was completed January 31, 1908, and now yields in rentals an annual income of $3,800 besides furnishing ample accommodation on the second floor for the use of the editor and staff as office rooms, &c.

The present indebtedness on the building is $34,830.81, the interest being fully covered by the annual rentals. The market value of the property known as the "Lutheran Publication Building" is not less than $50,000, and may become the property of the United Synod upon the payment of the original cost. This has been made possible by the unselfish service of certain liberal hearted persons who have given the church the benefit of their financial credit and individual responsibility.

We recommend :

1. That the thanks of the United Synod be extended to Dr. W. H. Greever, Mr. P. C. Price, and others as well as to the Publishing Committee for the great service they have rendered in this Publication Cause.

2. That the proceedings of the Publishing Committee as presented in the report of said committee, placed in our hands, be approved, and that said report be published in full in the Minutes of this convention of the United Synod.

3. That the legal name under which our publication business shall be conducted be "The Board of Publication of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

4. That the Board of Publication be authorized to take whatever steps may be necessary to effect the legal transfer of the Publication property to the United Synod.

5. That said Board of Publication be constituted for the present as follows: Geo. B. Cromer, LL. D., Rev. W. P. Cline, D. F. Efird, J. H. Wilson, D. D., P. C. Price, C. Armand Miller, D. D., Rev. E. J. Sox, and that the members of the board be elected by the United Synod biennially, and to serve until their successors are duly appointed, and that should a vacancy occur in the interim, the same be filled by the board itself.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND,
C. K. BELL,
M. O. J. KREPS,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. E. COOPER,
H. L. BONHAM,
J. M. RHODES.

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

In obedience to the instructions of the United Synod (see Minutes of 1904, pages 91 and 95, and Minutes 1906, pages 54-58) your committee has conducted the publishing business of this body until this date, and submits the following history of the acts of the committee together with such recommendations as seem important to it.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE.

Immediately after the last meeting of the United Synod, the official canvass for the $3,950, necessary for the purchase of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, was pushed vigorously and on January 15, 1907, the special soliciting agent reported that the necessary amount had been secured in cash and subscriptions, and that the United Synod Publishing Company was willing to accept the unpaid subscriptions as cash. Thereupon, the purchase of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, *Tidings*, and all associated publishing interests of the United Synod Publishing Company was effected by your committee, and all necessary papers were executed. On that same date, Rev. W. H. Greever was elected to the offices of Editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, and General Manager; Mr. W. P. Houseal, Office Manager; and Rev. C. A. Freed, Treasurer.

Upon the showing made of the financial conditions of the office, your committee judged that a supplementary income of $1,500 annually would be necessary to maintain the publication of our papers, and authorized a committee to make an apportionment of and to raise that amount, as a "current maintenance fund." That effort resulted in the collection of $675.26. Under the conviction that this supplementary support could be better secured, and all of our publication interests better served by the raising of a single lump sum, which invested in the property at Columbia, the purchase of which property the United Synod conditionally authorized, your committee undertook, through its special agent, to raise by private contributions and congregational offerings the sum of $10,000, to be known as the "Permanent Maintenance Fund" (see Minutes of 1906, page 54). The special agent reported on Sept. 1, 1908, that the sum of $5920.28 had been received on that fund. This money, invested in the property at Columbia and secured, together with the continuous option to purchase that property, by the "Trust Deed," herewith exhibited, has already produced $300 for the current support of our publications.

On January 21, 1908, Rev. C. A. Freed resigned as treasurer, and was elected as consulting manager. Rev. W. H. Greever was elected treasurer, and assumed the duties of the office on March 2, 1908.

PUBLICATION SECRETARY.

In view of the necessity of a competent representative in the field to look after the circulation and use of our literature, especially the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, and upon the assurance of a generous private provision for the entire support of such a representative for at least one year, your committee, at its meeting, December 18, 1907, instituted the office of Publication Secretary, and called Rev. E. C. Cronk to serve in that capacity. Rev. Mr. Cronk accepted the call, and entered upon his work March 15, 1908.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER.

The general, condensed review of the progress of our work is given by topics in the report of the General Manager as submitted to your committee. The report is as follows, with the exception of certain special recommendations which are elsewhere covered in our report:

"Since the transfer of the Publication interests of the United Synod Publishing Company to the United Synod through its Publishing Committee on January 15, 1907, there has been a continuous development. Every department of our work shows a gratifying expansion, with brighter prospects for the future.

LUTHERAN CHURCH VISITOR.

"I submit herewith exhibits of the circulation and financial condition of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for January 1, 1907, and September 1, 1908, from a comparison of which it appears that in all respects there is marked improvement. The circulation is larger by 190, though within this period we have removed 266 names in accordance with the requirements of the new postal law. Two hundred and one more of our subscribers are paid up in advance than were paid on January 1, 1907. The amount of subscriptions in arrears at that time was $2,886.34, while on September 1, 1908, it was $2,328.82. The interest on the part of the church at large in the circulation of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* is growing and from many persons come suggestions concerning plans for the placing of the paper in every home in the United Synod.

TIDINGS.

"As a Sunday-school and Missionary Journal, *Tidings* is much more than holding its own. The growth in its influence and circulation has been phenomenal, as the exhibit herewith submitted shows. The price of *Tidings* is so low that it is actually published at a loss, but the cost cannot be reduced, nor can the price be increased. The church makes a good investment by whatever amount it sets apart for this purpose.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

"The exhibit of our business in the department of Sunday-school Supplies shows a healthy condition. Gradually our schools are falling into line, and are placing their orders for literature through our office. The labor connected with this department is great in comparison with the net profits, but our chief consideration is the development of an interest in our own Publication Board. When we are able to carry our own stock, or publish supplies with our own imprint, this department will show its real importance. There has been a marked increase in the number of orders, especially for helpful books, since our Publication Secretary has been in the field.

LUTHER'S LARGE CATECHISM.

"About half our special edition (1,000) of Luther's Large Catechism has been sold. The publication of that edition was a wise thing, and we hope to be able at no distant day to issue other important publications of similar character. As yet it would seem to be unwise to attempt the publication of an elaborate work.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

"The stock of Proceedings of the Second and Third General Conference of Lutherans, comes down to us through the purchase made originally from Mr. E. H. Aull when these publications were purchased in order to effect the purchase of "*The Southern Lutheran.*" We would advise that these books be placed upon the bargain counter at such price as would assure their sale.

BOOK OF WORSHIP.

We have acted as distributing agents for the Book of Worship, under the supervision of the Common Service Committee, since the last meeting of the United Synod. Doubtless the Common Service Committee will make such recommendations as are desirable concerning this work for the future.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHARTS.

We deem it unnecessary to make special report upon this subject except to say that there seems to be almost no demand for these charts in our own territory. We recently sold twenty-five sets to the Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, Ohio, at cost. The stock on hand should be disposed of, by all means, at once.

PUBLICATION SECRETARY.

The special work of our Publication Secretary during these first six months of service has been largely an educational work. He has touched nearly every part of our territory, attending synods and con-

ventions, and has done excellent service. The wisdom of the committee in the establishment of this office and in the call of Rev. E. C. Cronk to fill it, has been proved. The possibilities of his usefulness are immeasurable. The exact character of his work during the next six months will depend upon certain actions which the United Synod may take.

Thanking you for your cordial and loyal support in the work of dealing with the extraordinary problems incident to this formative period of our work, I am

Very respectfully,

W. H. GREEVER, MANAGER.

The above report was received by the committee and the recommendations therein approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The financial condition of our publication business is exhibited in the following reports of the treasurers:

Treasurer's Report from January 26, 1907, to March 2, 1908.

Receipts from all sources	$ 13197 03

Disbursements.

R. L. Bryan Co	$ 5238 30
Lutheran Publication Society	1477 50
Gen. Council Pub. Board	200 20
Common Service Committee	2792 90
Interest and insurance	460 92
Postage for mailing papers	328 00
Salaries	1654 08
Office expense	307 19
Sundries and Charts	381 26
Total amount disbursements	$ 12840 35
Balance in bank, March 2, 1908, and transferred to Rev. W. H. Greever, Treasurer	$ 356 68

Signed, REV. C. A. FREED, TREASURER.

Treasurer's Report from March 2, 1908, to September 1, 1908.

Receipts Cash.

Lutheran Church Visitor	$ 3162 80
Tidings	458 17
S. S. Supplies	1245 57
Multigraph	47 20
Commission on Hymnals	53 04
Third Proceedings	2 50

Advertising	$	292 76
Rev. E. C. Cronk, salary		415 00
Luther's Large Catechism, cash sales		2 80
Charts		181 55
Rental		300 00
	$	6195 96
Cash on hand March 2, 1908		356 68
Total Sept. 1, 1908	$	6552 64
Disbursements		6276 38
Balance Sept. 1, 1908	$	276 26

Disbursements.

Office expense	$	127 02
Postage (61)		97 94
Postage mailing		170 00
Multigraph		280 45
Hall, lights, etc., P. C. Price		36 46
Insurance (60)		18 72
Editorial library		91 72
Mrs. E. C. Cronk		75 00
Furniture and fixtures		99 98
Stationery		1 70
Expense of Rev. E. C. Cronk		61 78
S. S. maps		11 35
Interest		7 50
Rev. E. C. Cronk		520 00
Luther's Large Catechism		185 33
Charts		34 74
Magazine covers		2 00
W. P. Houseal		587 50
W. H. Greever, appropriation for clerical expense		283 50
S. S. supplies		812 80
Lutheran Church Visitor		7 53
Publication Cause		30 09
Wrapping paper and twine		44 15
R. L. Bryan Co		2624 86
	$	6276 38

W. H. GREEVER, TREASURER.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets.

Cash	$	276 26
Mdse. inventory		210 74

Furniture and fixtures	$1339 72
Net arrearages–L. C. V. subs	745 70
Accounts receivable	1031 08
Good will and franchise L. C. V	5000 00
Good will and franchise Tidings	500 00
	$9103 50

Liabilities.

Net advance subs. Tidings	$ 21 77
Accounts payable	1706 81
Bills payable	500 00
S. S. charts, amt. due com	94 13
Good will and cost L. C. V	3950 00
Good will and cost Tidings	100 00
Net gain	2730 79
	$9103 50

W. H. GREEVER, TREASURER.

The treasurers have placed in the hands of your committee complete itemized exhibits of each department above summarized.

PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTY.

Immediately after the last meeting of the United Synod, your committee took up the negotiations for the purchase of the property in Columbia, for our Publication Building, along the lines of the proposition placed before the Synod at Dallas. The offer of the property at $14,000 was accepted, and all necessary steps were taken to secure its transfer to the United Synod when the necessary conditions should have been met. The title was left in the name of P. C. Price until such time as the committee should judge it proper to have the legal transfer made. Plans having been submitted for the erection of such a building as was described at Dallas, the committee being convinced that the prospective tenants were reliable and that such incomes from rentals as had been represented could be realized, authorized the erection of such a building at a cost not to exceed $16,000, making the total cost of property, improved, not to exceed $30,000. This action was taken April 8, 1907. A building committee was appointed, and further preparations were made for the erection of the building. Under the advice of the superintendent of construction, Mr. W. J. Winesett, it was decided that certain alterations should be made in the building at an additional cost of about $9,000, enhancing the value of the building by that amount. Upon the presentation of the facts to the committee, it authorized the alterations upon condition, observed from the beginning, that the property should stand as the sole security for the money invested.

This action was taken on June 7, 1907. Work upon the construction of the building was begun at the last of July, 1907, and before January 1, 1908, the building was partially occupied by those who had leased it in advance. On January 31, 1908, the Building Committee reported that the work had been completed, at a total cost, not including taxes and insurance and interest of $39,743.48.

Immediately upon the opening of the building, all of the space, not occupied by our offices, was leased at a total income of $3,800 per year. The report of the special agent shows the amount of the church's money invested in this property and secured by trust deed.

REPORT OF AGENT.

Receipts.

Received from contributors	$5920 28
	$5920 28

Disbursements.

*Account expense as agent	$ 501 34
To P. C. Price, Treasurer of Building Fund	5418 94
	$5920 28

W. H. GREEVER, AGENT.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Building Committee up to May 1, were audited and the financial showing at that time indicated an indebtedness of $35,430.81, including interest, taxes, etc. As information, the treasurer of that fund now reports the present indebtedness $34,830.81.

The present conservative valuation of our property by disinterested parties is from $50,000 to $60,000, and its location guarantees a constant enhancement in value.

In view of the increasing responsibilities connected with the development of our publication interests the committee recognized the necessity of action, and at its meeting on September 24, 1908, called upon Rev. W. H. Greever to give his whole time to his offices as Editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and General Manager at a salary of $1,500, and an allowance not to exceed $35 per month for house rent. This action being in prospect, and realizing the necessity of having the entire income from the property for the support of the increased working force, the committee inaugurated a movement for the complete liquidation of the indebtedness on the property. Toward

* This is the total expense for the raising of the $3,950 Purchase Fund, the $5,920.28 on Permanent Maintenance Fund, and the $8,452.50 in subscriptions on the Liquidation Fund—a total of $18,322.78.

amount necessary for that purpose we are able to report good subscriptions to the amount of $8,452.50, payable January 1, 1909, and January 1, 1910, upon the condition that the whole amount be raised. It is believed that by concentration and co-operation in a personal canvass the whole amount can be secured by January 1, 1909.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod approve the actions of your committee.

2. That the Synod specify under what legal name our publication business shall hereafter be conducted, and suggest the appropriateness of the name "Board of Publication of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

3. That the Synod authorize such action as may be necessary in order to effect the legal transfer of the Publication Property to the United Synod.

4. In view of the fact that, in this formative period of our publication cause, when necessary steps in its development cannot be clearly enough foreseen to secure specific authority for the taking of those steps, we ask the Synod to commit this cause to those only in whose judgment it can have full confidence; and, trusting them to guard sacredly the financial interests of the Synod, they be given power to act in the promotion of this cause as their sober judgment may dictate and as the means at their command may make possible, without making such appeals to the Church as would interfere with other general interests.

W. P. CLINE,
GEO. B. CROMER,
D. F. EFIRD.

The following Report on Literary Institutions was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Literary Institutions, would report as follows:

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

The course of study has been raised nearly one year. Christian sentiment among the students has been good, and thirty or thirty-five have the Gospel ministry in view, about 85 per cent. of these belong to the Lutheran church. Two new chairs, that of Biology and Geology and History and Economics, have been installed. It has altogether seventeen professors and instructors in the teaching force. One of the evidences of the high standing of its students is seen in the number of scholarships they have won in the different universities. Three members of the class of 1908 have been appointed to scholarships in the post-graduate department of Yale University; two have been appoint-

ed to fellowships at Princeton; three received scholarships at Johns Hopkins ; and one won the Rhodes scholarship at Oxford University.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

This college is owned and controlled by the Synod of South Carolina. The past year has been the most successful in its history, and opens this year with its largest enrollment, 240.

It has recently received an additional endowment of $85,000, making a total of $115,000 with a prospect of a still further endowment of $75,000. The faculty has been strengthened until it now includes a teaching force of 14 and a librarian.

The constituency of the college is constantly widening and the curriculum raised and broadened.

LENOIR COLLEGE

Is owned and controlled by the Tennessee Synod. This is a decidedly Christian institution. A special feature is the provision for the teaching of religious studies. A chair of Bible and religious studies, giving full course in Bible, catechetics, Bible history, and lectures on the Augsburg Confession, has been established, and students from Lutheran homes are required to take these studies.

Lenoir is co-educational under the very best management and control.

The endowment aggregates $25,000, contributed by members of the Tennessee Synod.

The attendance has increased 25 per cent. in the last two years.

By action of the University of North Carolina, graduates from Lenoir are admitted without examination to post-graduate work in that university.

The outlook for Lenoir is most hopeful and encouraging.

THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This institution is making marked improvement and most commendable progress under the efficient management of the co-Principals Rev. J. P. Miller and Prof. G. F. McAllister. A military feature has just been introduced, and the new discipline is proving entirely satisfactory. It too has a constantly growing constituency, and is a most valuable tributary to our colleges.

MARION FEMALE COLLEGE.

This institution opened this year with the largest enrollment in its history. Students from seven States and over two-thirds of them are Lutherans, representing nine Synods.

At a recent meeting, the alumnae, numbering 156, completed a more thorough organization and pledged themselves enthusiastically

to the support of the Board of Trustees in their plans for the erection of new buildings.

Bible history has been a prescribed part of the course of study for twenty years, and Luther's catechism is also taught.

This is the oldest of our female institutions. The instruction is thorough and good.

MONT AMOENA SEMINARY.

As usual this seminary is full to its utmost capacity and that without the effort of a personal canvass, and it not infrequently happens that applicants are refused for want of room to accommodate them, which bespeaks its popularity.

Students are there representing different States and synods. Thorough instruction is given, and the students have wholesome religious influences.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

This institution is devoted exclusively to the education of young ladies, and stands for higher education.

It has students from many States of the Union, representing various Lutheran synods. The continued efficient and growing importance of this splendid institution commends it to our most favorable consideration and hearty support. Inasmuch as the special visitor, appointed by this body, has reported further, we deem it unnecessary to go into details.

Altogether our literary institutions, which stand for the vital interest of our Southern church, deserve even greater co-operation and a more loyal support than hitherto received.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SHENK,
E. L. WESSINGER,
J. P. COOK,
S. A. WOLFF,
W. H. RISER.

On motion, the report on that of the Board of Missions was made the special order for tomorrow morning.

The Statiscal Secretary made his report, which was adopted.

Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., re-elected Statistical Secretary.

The following on Sunday-school work was adopted :

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

WHEREAS, The Sunday-school, as now understood, is the "Christian Church engaged in teaching and studying the Holy Scriptures,"

and should therefore be loyal to doctrine and history of the Church ; and

WHEREAS, Many pastors and superintendents, realizing the inefficiency of Sunday-school work as generally found, and recognizing the growing need of better teaching and better studying, are organizing their young people into normal classes for the better study of the Word of God and sound pedagogical grading and teaching ; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the aim and genius of the Lutheran church to thoroughly instruct its children ; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we heartily approve the general aim of Lutheran Bodies in arranging Teacher Training Courses and Normal Sunday-school Conventions.

Resolved, 2. That the President of this Synod appoint a committee, consisting of one member from each District Synod, to take under consideration the improvement of the Sunday-school, and recommend at the next biennial any plans it deems feasible.

Resolved, 3. That each District Synod be requested to bear the necessary expenses of its representative while engaged in this work.

H. A. McCULLOUGH.

The following committee was appointed to carry out the purpose of this action :

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Revs. H. A. McCullough, C. K. Bell, C. A. Freed, T. O. Keister, W. H. Riser, T. W. Shealy, W. H. Roof, J. L. Derrick.

Synod adjourned to be convened at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Benediction by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10, 1908, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D.

Revs. E. L. Folk, J. J. Long, and M. J. Epting were appointed to nominate Seminary Board.

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Missions was received, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following :

In taking the closer view of our mission work necessitated by the duty you laid upon us we were more deeply impressed than ever with the large proportions it has assumed. Twenty years ago, the United Synod met in this church and solemnly resolved to begin a mission in Japan. One member, a layman, proposed that we raise twenty thousand dollars in the biennium or ten thousand a year for foreign missions. In that day we thought it impossible. Today with many other pressing demands our board tells us that we must have at least fifteen thousand for foreign missions alone per annum. The organization of the Japan College will require the closest attention of the board. The increased number of missionaries and the establishment of new missions will also greatly increase the care and labor of the board. Fifteen thousand dollars per annum is required for our Home Missions. The home field is widening, and calls for vigorous cultivation. Mission points are pleading for immediate help. We dare not neglect or postpone this work. It is no less important than the foreign work. It requires very little less care. In view of these and many other facts, your committee after a prolonged study of the conditions which confront us recommend :

1. That we divide the Mission Work into Home Missions and Foreign Missions, and we establish two Boards, to be known the one as the Foreign Mission Board of the United Synod and the other as the Home Mission and Church Extension Board of the United Synod. Each board will elect its own officers and carry on its own work according to the principles and rules which obtain in this Synod.

2. We nominate the following brethren for the Foreign Mission Board : Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Rev. J. H. Murphy, Rev. M. J. Epting, Mr. B. W. Kime, Mr. J. E. Cooper, and Mr. J. M. Lichtenwanger.

3. We nominate for the Home Mission Board : Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., Rev. T. O. Keister, D. D., Rev. W. H. Riser, Rev. W. H. Roof, Rev. T. W. Shealy, Rev. J. L. Derrick, Rev. J. E. Shenk, Dr. G. B. Cromer and Mr. J. W. Mauney.

4. As the board suggests, we recommend :

(a) That Epiphany season be adopted for special offerings for Foreign Missions.

(b) That April be continued as Japan month in all our Sunday-schools.

(c) That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

(d) That Reformation season be as Home Mission day in all our Sunday-schools.

(e) That fifteen thousand dollars per annum be appropriated to Foreign Missions.

(f) That fifteen thousand per annum be appropriated to Home Missions.

(g) That ten thousand be appropriated to Church Extension.

These amounts are to be apportioned among the district synods according to their respective membership.

5. We are glad that the General Council has agreed to cooperate with us in both the Home and Foreign fields. So far as appears in the report of our board the relations are not clearly defined. In regard to Japan it is said, "The Board of the General Council resolved to send one or more missionaries to work with us in that field said missionary to be under the direction of the board sending him out." Our experience in India as well as our observation of the mission work of others have taught us that such cooperation is exposed to many complications, and that two bodies working on the same territory should clearly understand each other. In regard to the work in Alabama it is said, "The support of the local missionary shall be arranged between the two boards as well as all property and building matters." This statement does not seem quite clear. We recommend that each of our boards secure a clear and definite understanding with the corresponding boards of the Council so that each party may know the rights and claims of the others.

6. We would commend to the Home Mission Board the special consideration of the mission work in Greensboro, N. C., and Brunswick, Georgia, with the suggestion that, if the promise warrants, their efforts be so concentrated upon them as to establish them within the immediately succeeding biennium.

7. We record our appreciation of the earnestness, zeal, and ability with which the board has prosecuted the work and discharged the duties of their office during the past biennium.

L. A. FOX,
GEO. H. COX,
A. R. BECK,
W. C. DAVIS,
L. L. SMITH,
J. M. GNANN,
J. W. JENNY.

The following was adopted, and nominees elected :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We, the committee to nominate a Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary, beg to submit the following :

Clerical—R. C. Holland, D. D., M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., W. A.

Deaton, M. O. J. Kreps, J. H. Wilson, D. D., C. A. Freed, V. Y. Boozer.

Lay—J. F. Ficken, Esq., C. M. Efird, Esq., G. B. Cromer, Esq., Hon. H. S. Trout, J. D. Cappelman, Esq., J. E. Cooper, J. Wulburn.

Respectfully,

E. L. FOLK,
JNO. J. LONG,
M. J. EPTING.

The Committee on President's Report submitted the following, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee desires first of all to express its gratification at the efficient manner in which the President has conducted all the affairs coming before this body.

As to his report we would say, that after very appropriately acknowledging our dependence upon our kind heavenly Father for success in all our undertakings as laborers in the kingdom of God, and calling attention to the many evidences of progress during the past few years, he refers to the wide-spread unsettling of established and fundamental beliefs among professing Christians, and directs our minds to the fact that the great bond of union among us, is our faith, as set forth in the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of our Church.

Your committee recommends that the United Synod heartily approves the careful statements made in the preamble of his report concerning faith and practice.

Concerning the recommendations contained in his report, we recommend :

1. That, with reference to item one, the matter be referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

2. That item two be adopted.

3. That item three be adopted.

4. That action on item four be deferred.

5. That the United Synod expresses its very great pleasure in the increased activity of the laymen of the church, as evidenced by the Laymen's Movement; and that we wish them God's speed in their work for the church.

6. That item six be adopted.

7. That item seven be adopted.

8. As to item eight, the Synod rejoices in the interest being awakened in Inner mission work. We recommend the appointment of a com-

mittee to report on Pastor Weltner's report of the deaconess training work. Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
C. A. FREED,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
B. B. MILLER,
H. D. DERRICK.

The following Committee Auxiliary to the Committee on Book of Worship was appointed : Revs. W. A. Snyder, L. L. Smith, D. D., E. C. Cronk, and Messrs. P. C. Price and G. C. Hines.

The Report of the Committee on the Report of the Book of Worship was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

There has been placed in the hands of your committee a full report giving an exhibit of the work of the Committee on Common Book of Worship during the last biennium, showing the number of copies produced in the different editions and binding, the number sold, and the stock now on hand.

We recommend :

1. That Synod approve the acts of the committee.

2. That all purely business transactions in connection with the publication and sale of the Book of Worship be placed in the hands of the Publication Board of the United Synod, subject to the approval of the Committee on the Common Book of Worship.

3. That the profits accruing from sales of Book of Worship be turned over to the Treasurer of the United Synod.

4. That the United Synod immediately undertake the production of a music edition of the Book of Worship and push the work to a completion as rapidly as may be possible consistent with good workmanship.

5. That that part of the report pertaining to the advertising of the Book of Worship be stricken from the report and do not appear in Minutes.

J. B. GREINER,
WM. A. C. MUELLER,
E. C. CRONK,
J. L. WISMAN,
JAMES D. HEILIG.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Your committee begs leave to report as follows:

On August 20, 1907, the Rev. J. W. Horine, who for several years had served as chairman of the Committee on Common Book of Worship, having accepted a call to work beyond the bounds of the United Synod, by resignation ceased to be a member of this committee On the same date, by appointment of the President of this body, the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., succeeded him as a member of the committee, and, at the request of the appointing power, has acted as chairman.

We deem it proper to suggest that the Synod put on record its high appreciation of the faithful and efficient service of the Rev. Mr. Horine as a member of this committee. On him principally devolved the labor connected with the publication of our new Hymnal together with the Common Service—a labor involving voluminous correspondence, the reading and re-reading of proofs, problems of finance, and numerous other details requiring very close and careful attention. To him it was a labor of love, and he did it faithfully and well. It was done in the quiet of his study, where he was unobserved by the world; and consequently few knew of his sacrifices of time and energy to this work, those few being his intimate friends and associates.

Your committee has held two full meetings within the biennium; one at Dallas, N. C., July 14, 1906, the other at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., October 29, 1906.

At the meeting at Dallas, immediately after the adjournment of Synod, there was in the hand of the committee a balance of $53.54. In accordance with the action of Synod (see Minutes, p. 84 f. and 86, recommendation 4) the chairman was authorized to reimburse himself in the sum of $52.73 for expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his duties. This left a balance of $0.81.

In this connection it is proper to report also that the order of Synod with reference to the payment of balance of $186.16 on note executed to make settlement with Mr. E. H. Aull has been carried out, payment having been made Oct. 23, 1906, as shown by accompanying voucher.

BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Pulpit Edition.

The principal business of your committee since the last meeting of Synod has been the supply and distribution of the Book of Worship.

In order to meet the increasing demand for a book with larger print than the 24 mo. book the committee entered into negotiations with Mr. C. B. Opp, Manager of the General Council Publication House,

and, having obtained from him satisfactory terms for composition and electrotyping of the Hymnal for 12 mo. edition, transmitted to him, on February 25, 1907, an order to proceed to the printing of an edition of 1,000 copies of the Book of Worship in that size. (The plates for the first, or service, part of the book were already in his possession. See Min. 1906, p. 78). The cost of composition and electroplates for the 453 pages of the Hymnal was $516.42; that of correcting and shaving plates for the service part of the book was $31.04, making a total cost for plates of $607.46.

On May 3, 1907, an order was placed with Mr. Opp for 600 copies of the Pulpit Edition, which was filled as follows:

Arabesque, gilt	401
Imitation Morocco	99
Turkey Morocco (board)	50
Turkey Morocco (flexible)	52

The books were shipped on June 24, 1907, to the United Synod Publishing Company, Columbia, S. C., where since that time they have been on sale at the following prices fixed by the committee:

Arabesque, gilt	$1 50
Imitation Morocco	2 50
Turkey Morocco (boards)	3 50
Turkey Morocco (flexible)	4 00

The Small Book.

The stock of the small Book of Worship on hand July 1, 1906, according to the report of the committee (see Min. 1906, page 83), was as follows:

Cloth	458
Arabesque, gilt	75
Morocco, single	83
Morocco, combination	182
Brown calf, combination	42
Mouse calf, combination	44

Since that date the following purchases have been made and added to the stock:

Single.

Half leather	3788
Arabesque gilt	610
Imitation Morocco	350
Turkey Morocco	100

Combination.

Imitation Morocco	350
Turkey Morocco	250

Following is a statement furnished by the United Synod Publishing Company:

REPORT ON BOOK OF WORSHIP, JULY 1, 1906, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1908.

Uncollected accounts July 1, 1906	$ 493 05	
Total amount of sales	5088 10	$5581 15
Total amount of cash received		5005 58
Uncollected accounts Sept. 1, 1908		575 57
Total amount of cash received		$5005 58
To amount of checks paid committee	$4442 47	

Expense.

Postage	$ 64 52		
Wrapping	22 45		
Express, freight, and drayage	121 23		
Insurance	25 28		
Advertising	120 77	$ 354 25	
Commissions		208 86	
		$ 563 11	$5005 58

SALES JULY 1, 1906, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1908.

Half leather	4271
Arabesque gilt	535
Imitation Mor. Sing.	227
Turkey Mor. Sing.	138
Turkey Mor. Com.	186
Imitation Mor. Com.	178
Black calf	29
Mouse calf	9
Arabesque gilt pulpit	239
Imitation Mor. pulpit	48
Morocco board pulpit	26
Morocco flex. pulpit	26

INVENTORY OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

Half leather	—
Arabesque gilt	184
Imitation Morocco single	118
Imitation Morocco combination	180
Turkey Morocco single	56
Turkey Morocco combination	233
Black calf	20
Black calf	8
Mouse calf	20

Pulpit Edition.

Arabesque gilt 140
Imitation Morocco 42
Morocco board 26
Morocco flexible 22

OLD BOOKS OF WORSHIP.

Stock on hand September 1, 1908.

English Turkey, pulpit, comb. 9
Japanese limp, pulpit, comb. 18
Arabesque gilt, pulpit, comb. 1

The following exhibit will show the financial transactions of the committee.

COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP,
REV. J. W. HORINE, CHAIRMAN,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED SYNOD.

DR.

1906.		
July 1.	To balance on hand	$ 7 94
July 2.	To check United Synod Publishing Company . .	45 60
Aug. 8.	" " " " " . .	50 00
Oct. 7.	" " " " " . .	125 00
Oct. 11.	" " " " " . .	50 00
Oct. 23.	" " " " " . .	75 00
Dec. 10.	" " " " " . .	200 00
Dec. 18.	" " " " " . .	150 00
1907.		
Jan. 15.	" " " " " . .	370 83
Feb. 9.	" " " " " . .	100 00
Feb. 25.	" " " " " . .	200 00
March 13.	" " " " " . .	100 00
April 11.	" " " " " . .	150 00
April 18.	" " " " " . .	200 00
April 24.	" " " " " . .	224 90
April 30.	" " " " " . .	34 79
May 8.	" " " " " . .	30 29
May 15.	" " " " " . .	43 41
May 22.	" " " " " . .	65 53
May 29.	" " " " " . .	110 14
June 5.	" " " " " . .	16 37
June 19.	" " " " " . .	52 98
June 28.	" " " " " . .	47 97
July 2.	" " " " " . .	36 81

1906.		
July 9.	To check United Synod Publishing Company. . .	$ 7 55
July 17.	" " " " " . .	25 78
July 25.	" " " " " . .	9 26
July 31.	" " " " " . .	6 79
	Total	$ 2536 94

Cr.

1906.		
July 14.	By Rev. J. W. Horine, expenses	$ 52 73
Sept. 20.	By discount on note	9 20
Oct. 23.	By interest on note	39 84
Oct. 23.	By balance on note	186 16
Oct. 23.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	38 00
Dec. 10.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	200 00
Dec. 22.	By discount on note	8 00
Dec. 22.	By amount paid on note	150 00
1907.		
Jan. 21.	By exchange	53
Jan. 21.	By balance on note	370 30
Feb. 9.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	100 00
Feb. 25.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	200 00
Mar. 25.	By exchange	15
Mar. 25.	By balance on note	69 10
Mar. 25.	By bills of C. B. Opp, Manager	39 64
April 16.	By exchange	23
April 19.	By exchange	30
April 22.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	147 20
April 22.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	141 55
April 24.	By exchange	35
May 6.	By exchange	10
May 17.	By exchange	10
May 17.	By note of Otto Tiedeman, Sr	378 09
June 8.	By exchange	30
June 17.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	197 06
June 24.	By exchange	10
June 28.	By exchange	10
July 1.	By exchange	10
July 2.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	90 00
July 22.	By bill of C. B. Opp, Manager	61 44
	Balance on hand Aug. 10, 1907	56 27
	Total	$ 2536 94

COMMITTEE ON COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP,

REV. M. G. G. SCHERER, CHAIRMAN,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED SYNOD.

DR.

1907.		
Aug. 20.	To balance from Rev. J. W. Horine	$ 56 27
Aug. 20.	To chk. United Synod Pub. Co., dated Aug. 5, 1907.	69 58
Aug. 20.	" " " " " " " Aug. 17, 1907	80 30
Aug. 26.	" " " " " "	14 78
Sept. 3.	" " " " " "	32 72
Sept. 9.	" " " " " "	92 10
Sept. 21.	" " " " " "	82 34
Oct. 2.	" " " " " "	53 14
Oct. 9.	" " " " " "	30 80
Oct. 18.	" " " " " "	16 30
Oct. 22.	" " " " " "	2 88
Oct. 28.	" " " " " "	28 75
Nov. 4.	" " " " " "	11 97
Nov. 11.	" " " " " "	110 07
Nov. 18.	" " " " " "	62 67
Nov. 25.	" " " " " "	49 78
Dec. 2.	" " " " " "	8 58
Dec. 9.	" " " " " "	5 60
Dec. 16.	" " " " " "	16 65
Dec. 31.	" " " " " "	175 34
1908.		
Jan. 6.	" " " " " "	15 48
Jan. 18.	" " " " " "	45 85
Jan. 20.	" " " " " "	28 32
Jan. 27.	" " " " " "	41 54
Feb. 3.	" " " " " "	13 77
Feb. 11.	" " " " " "	22 48
Feb. 17.	" " " " " "	32 40
Feb. 24.	" " " " " "	169 94
Mar. 2.	" " " " " "	17 03
Mar. 7.	" " " " " "	10 05
Mar. 16.	" " " " " "	29 79
Mar. 23.	" " " " " "	38 55
Mar. 30.	" " " " " "	11 68
April 11.	" " " " " "	45 01
April 20.	" " " " " "	104 41
April 25.	" " " " " "	71 78
May 5.	" " " " " "	3 36

May 11.	To chk. United Synod Pub. Co	$	9 13
May 20.	" " " " " "		20 13
May 25.	" " " " " "		3 77
June 1.	" " " " " "		12 64
June 8.	" " " " " "		42 85
June 16.	" " " " " "		6 48
June 24.	" " " " " "		29 47
June 29.	" " " " " "		18 12
July 13.	" " " " " "		7 31
July 20.	" " " " " "		22 90
Aug. 3.	" " " " " "		34 53
Aug. 18.	" " " " " "		16 55
Aug. 31.	" " " " " "		33 80
Sept. 14.	" " " " due Aug. 15		10 00
Sept. 1.	Total	$	1969 74

Cr.

1907.			
Aug. 20.	By amount paid Rev. J. W. Horine for postage	$	4 00
Aug. 21.	By exchange		25
Sept. 7.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		200 00
Sept. 12.	By exchange		25
Sept. 27.	By exchange		15
Oct. 1.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		200 00
Oct. 21.	By exchange		35
Nov. 13.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		275 00
Nov. 13.	By exchange		55
Nov. 29.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		113 55
Nov. 29.	By exchange		35
1908.			
Jan. 10.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		221 08
Jan. 10.	By exchange		57
Feb. 7.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		125 00
Feb. 7.	By exchange		40
Feb. 27.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		228 25
Feb. 27.	By exchange		65
Apr. 10.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		100 00
Apr. 10.	By exchange		30
Apr. 24.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		150 00
Apr. 24.	By exchange		40
May 27.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		113 69
May 27.	By exchange		30
July 8.	By draft to C. B. Opp, Manager		109 26
July 8.	By exchange		30

Aug. 5.	By exchange	$ 10
Aug. 6.	By check to C. B. Opp, Manager	64 64
Sept. 1.	By balance on hand	60 35
		$1969 74

Assets.

In addition to stock on hand and about 350 sets of sheets of the Pulpit Edition, the assets are:

Uncollected accounts . . . . . $ 575 57

Liabilities.

Mr. C. B. Opp, Manager, for books . . . . . $ 433 27

CORRESPONDENCE WITH JOINT COMMITTEE OF GENERAL BODIES.

1. At the meeting, held at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., October 29, 1906, printed copies of Orders for Ministerial Acts, prepared by the Joint Committee of General Bodies, were submitted. These Orders were carefully examined; suggestions of our committee were noted on the margins; and the Orders were forwarded to the Rev. E. T. Horn, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of the Joint Committee, together with the request that the committee of the United Synod be permitted to incorporate in its Service Book the Orders for Ministerial Acts as soon as the same have been agreed upon by the Joint Committee, under conditions similar to those which governed the publication of the Hymnal. To this request we received the following reply:

527 Washington St., Reading, Pa.,
August 28, 1908.

DEAR DR. SCHERER:

At a meeting of the Joint Committee, held November 7, 1906, a letter from Rev. J. W. Horine was read, and the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the work on Orders for Ministerial Acts has not proceeded far enough to allow us to grant the request of the United Synod, &c.

Sincerely yours,
EDWARD T. HORN, *Secretary.*

2. A letter written April 16, 1907, by the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, Secretary of the Joint Committee on Service Book, laid before your committee a request of a committee representing the United Norwegian Lutheran Church to the effect that that body be permitted to print and use the Common Service, and also to send a delegate to participate with the Joint Committee in future work. In the same letter Dr. Horn stated that the Church Book Committee of the General Council had resolved that it favored allowing the United Norwegian church the free use of the Common Service, and that it would rec-

ommend to the General Council favorable action in regard to the matter of participation in the work of the Joint Committee. In answer to this letter your committee adopted a resolution concurring in the action of the Church Book Committee, and so notified the Secretary of the Joint Committee. We, therefore, recommend that this Synod consent to the use of the Common Service by the United Norwegian Lutheran church, and that it also declare itself ready, on its part, to welcome the United Norwegian church to co-operation in the work of the Joint Committee on the same terms adopted and observed by the bodies already represented.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Synod approve the acts of this committee as herein set forth.

2. That all purely business transactions in connection with the publication and sale of the Book of Worship be placed in the hands of the Publishing Committee subject to the approval of the Committee on Common Book of Worship.

3. That the profits accruing from sales of Book of Worship be turned over to the Treasurer of the United Synod.

4. That Synod take into consideration the question of providing a music edition of the Book of Worship.

Respectfully submitted, M. G. G. SCHERER,
L. A. FOX,
A. G. VOIGT.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South be authorized, in its discretion, to procure a charter.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 3500 copies of the Minutes of this Synod printed at the lowest price consistent with good work and prompt service, and that he receive $25 in token of our appreciation of his services.

The following committees were appointed:

On Rev. C. E. Weltner's Letter on Deaconess Training: Revs. J. D. Kinard, W. C. Davis, and Dr. E. O. Hentz.

On Indebtedness: Messrs. A. G. Wise, H. D. Derrick, and J. L. Wisman.

The Report of Committee on Official Visitor to Elizabeth College was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE VISITOR TO ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

Your committee would report that after consultation they find nothing in the report committed to them requiring action. They request, however, that the Report of the Visitor to this institution be returned to him for revision; and that this committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
W. A. DEATON,
W. H. GREEVER,
L. A. FOX,
J. P. COOK,
GEO. B. CROMER.

Hon. J. C. Seegers and Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., were excused from further attendance on this session of Synod.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1908, 3 P. M.

Synod was convened, and opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Shenk.

Richmond, Va., was chosen as the place of the next biennial convention of this Synod, and Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1910, at 8 p. m., in First English Lutheran church, as the time.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension continue in operation under its existing charter as heretofore, in the prosecution of the general Mission Work, until January 1, 1909; and that in the meantime said board prepare to so adjust matters pertaining to the several departments of Mission Work that the two boards constituted at this convention may be ready to enter understandingly upon the special work falling to each.

Resolved, That Messrs. Cooper and Epting be considered members of this board, pending the reorganization, inasmuch as they have been named as future members in substitution for Messrs. Eberly and Schaeffer.

Resolved, That after January 1, 1909, the board as appointed by the United Synod as the Board of Foreign Missions shall be considered as in full charge of the duties devolved upon the same by the aforenamed action.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Only two documents have been placed in our hands.

No. 1 is a letter bearing the fraternal greetings of the Faculty of the Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., to this body, and expressing their gratification and pleasure at the prospect of having our Theological Seminary located in their city, if it should be removed from Mt. Pleasant, and giving assurance that a hearty welcome will be given those connected with the institution.

No. 2 is a letter of a similar nature from the Faculty of the University of South Carolina.

We recommend that our Secretary be instructed to convey to these institutions Synod's appreciation of the good will expressed in said letters, and that the letters be filed with the board of directors of our Seminary. Respectfully submitted

V. Y. BOOZER,
T. O. KEISTER,
Z. W. BEDENBAUGH,
D. A. RUDISILL,
J. C. CALE.

The following was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

Your committee would report as follows :

All matters in Minutes of last Synod requiring consideration at this convention have been acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. SHEALY,
E. L. FOLK,
G. B. COX,
A. G. WISE,
SILONE PENCE,
COMMITTEE.

The following was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOME.

Your Committee on Orphan Home would report the following :

1. We are pleased to note from the report of the President of the

corporation the growth and improvements during the last biennium.

2. That this Synod approves the action of the corporation in the installing of a new heating plant which, in the judgment of the corporation and all who fully understood conditions, was essential to the health of the inmates of the Home and the safety alike of the building itself.

3. That the corporation of the Home be authorized to provide ways and means to meet the necessary expenses incurred in installing the plant.

4. We are gratified to learn of the two bequests made to the Home, during the biennium, as stated by the President of the corporation in his report to this body.

5. The special educational and religious advantages afforded the children of the Home are highly gratifying to this body.

6. We recommend that all the Sunday-schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the support of the Home. Where suitable such offerings be taken during summer months, this being the time when fewer gifts come to the Home.

7. This committee would nominate the following as members of the corporation to fill vacancies of the five whose term has expired:

For 1909, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, J. P. Hautz, Rev. A. D R. Hancher, Rev. C. B. Miller, and J. P. Gose.

For 1910, Rev. F. V. N. Painter, A. M. Bowman, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Rev. S. L. Keller, Rev. L. L. Smith.

For 1912, to fill vacancies, J. H. Marsteller and Ivan Yonce.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KINARD,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
W. P. HUDDLE,
A. H. KOHN,
J. M. RHODES.

Committee on Orphan Home Debt reported. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOME DEBT.

Cost of Home	$ 14,500 00
Interest to Nov. 13, 1908	3,326 41
Expenses to date	1,293 60
Total	19,120 01
Cash paid	17,582 51
Balance to Nov. 1, 1908	$ 1,537 50

RESOURCES.

Cash in hand	$ 172 00
Pledges unpaid	1,400 00
Total	1,572 00

Respectfully,

J. H. WILSON, CHAIRMAN,
L. A. FOX,
CHARLES K. BELL,
L. G. M. MILLER.

The following was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT SYNODS.

Your committee beg to report that they find nothing in the Minutes requiring at this time the attention of this body. They show, however, development along many lines of Christian work. We note, with pleasure, the marked increase that has taken place in some of the synods in support of the ministry and beneficence.

M. O. J. KREPS,
W. A. DEATON,
W. P. HOUSEAL,
S. SIDNEY CASSELL.

The following report was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO GENERAL BODIES.

We, your Committee to Nominate Official Visitors to other General Lutheran Bodies, recommend the following :

That Rev. J. E. Shenk be our official visitor to the next convention of the General Synod, and that President J. A. Morehead, D. D., be our official visitor to the next convention of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND,
J. E. COOPER,
A. L. BOLIEK.

The following was adopted :

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the pastor and members of the Church of the Ascension, in the spirit and manner of the entertainment of the delegates and visitors at this the eleventh convention of the United Synod, have our sincere thanks, and that we realize a special claim thus laid upon our hearts for our kindliest remembrance, our abiding good will, and

prayerful interest in their temporal and spiritual welfare; and that this our testimonial of appreciation and fraternal benediction be publicly presented from the pulpit of the Church of the Ascension on tomorrow at the hour of morning worship.

The following was adopted:

REPORT ON DEACONESS WORK.

We, your committee on Pastor Weltner's paper, touching Deaconess Training, would report as follows:

We have heard with pleasure of the work of Pastor Weltner along this line, and would most heartily endorse the same.

We recommend the appointment of committee asked for by him, to take under advisement the whole work Deaconess Training by the United Synod, and report same at the next meeting of this body.

JAS. D. KINARD,
WALTER C. DAVIS.

The following committee was appointed under this action: Revs. W. J. Finck, W. P. Cline, J. D. Kinard.

The following was adopted:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Owing to the fact that your committee was appointed at so late an hour, and not having the desired information in hand, they are unable to report upon the financial condition of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. WISE,
H. D. DERRICK,
J. L. WISMAN.

On motion, $5 ordered paid the sexton of this church from our treasury.

Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved, after which the Synod was formally closed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the eleventh convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., October 6-10, 1908.

S. T. HALLMAN, *Secretary*.

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 10, 1908.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Church of Ascension.—11 a. m., sermon by Rev. I. O. Baker; 8.15 p. m., sermon by Rev. J. E. Shenk. *Sunday-school.*—Addresses by Supt. J. T. Crabtree, Rev. E. C. Cronk, and Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

St. Paul's Church.—11 a. m., sermon by Rev. E. C. Cronk.

Bethel Church, Effingham.—Sermon by Rev. J. L. Derrick.

VISITING MINISTERS AND LAYMEN.

Revs. E. C. Weltner, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., J. B. Haigler, S. P. Koon, C. B. King, D. D., D. B. Groseclose, W. J. Finck, J. H. Harms, Edward Fulenwider, Y. V. A. Riser, B. W. Cronk, and Mr. J. M. Lichtenwanger.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

FROM JUNE 26, 1886, TO OCTOBER 10, 1908.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses:* That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled:* That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Accepts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board:* That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled? (1904, p. 117): That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod, upon the nomination of the officers of the district synod concerned.

Board, How Constituted, (1906, p. 46): That the Committee on Missions nominate the Board of Missions, and that the Board be constituted of one member from each district synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions, (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work.

4. 1904, p 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised:* That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the district synods, beginning with this convention, and that such district synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

5. 1904, page 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated:* That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasion of the Educational address to the Theological Seminary; on the occasion of the Missionary address to the Mission Board of the United Synod; and that due announcement be made beforehand of these offerings.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary:* That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid:* That the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution:* We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

9. 1906, p. 70. *Secretaries of District Synods:* 1. That the United Synod request the Secretaries of the District Synods to furnish biennially to this body a list of the missions under the care of their Synods with suitable statistics for incorporation in the Minutes of the United Synod. 2. That a statistical secretary be appointed who shall report to this body.

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND CONVENTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

OF THE

UNITED SYNOD

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

FIRST SESSION.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Savannah, Ga., Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1908.

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod of the Lutheran church convened in St. Paul's Lutheran church, Savannah, Ga., October 7, 1908, at 10 a. m.

The opening note of the Convention was sounded by Mrs. C. E. Weltner in a devotional service "Looking Unto Jesus."

The Convention was formally opened according to the regular order, by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

A cordial welcome was extended to delegates and visitors by Mrs. J. C. Slater of St. Paul's church.

The President responded in behalf of the Convention.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:

ENROLLMENT.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Mrs. J. A. Thom . . . . . China Grove, N. C.
Mrs. G. D. Bernheim . . . . . Charlotte, N. C.
Mrs. J. E. Shenk . . . . . Concord, N. C.
Mrs. R. C. Holland . . . . . Charlotte, N. C.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Mrs. D. A. Rudisill . . . . . Cherryville, N. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps . . . . . Prosperity, S. C.
Mrs. M. S. Habenicht . . . . . Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. C. E. Weltner . . . . . Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. C. A. Freed . . . . . Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. G. Y. Hunter . . . . . Prosperity, S. C.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher . . . . . Staunton, Va.
Mrs. W. H. Riser . . . . . Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. F. H. Chandler . . . . . Strasburg, Va.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman . . . . . Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. J. C. Peery . . . . . Lynchburg, Va.
Miss Margaret Greever . . . . . Burke's Garden, Va.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Mrs. Samuel Oppenheimer . . . . . Savannah, Ga.
Mrs. E. C. Cronk . . . . . Columbia, S. C.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer . . . . . Greeneville, Tenn.
Mrs. W. C. Davis . . . . . Greeneville, Tenn.

The President read her report, which was received and held for reference to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The two years which have elapsed since our first meeting in Dallas, N. C., have been memorable ones in the history of mission work in the United Synod. The facts are familiar to all of you. The immediate success of the campaign in behalf of the building fund for the Japan School; the sending out of Rev. L. S. G. Miller; the return to Japan of Dr. and Mrs. Lippard; the generous co-operation of the General Council in sending out Rev. Frisby D. Smith; and the return of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown,—all indicate the steady growth of our foreign work—and moreover that these are but the initial steps to a wider expansion.

We are to have a larger share than ever before in carrying out our Lord's last command, but in the increased interest and inspiration which the thought arouses, we must not lose sight of the fact that we cannot share this work unless we put forth increased effort to sustain and uphold our Board of Missions. What part are the women of our Southern Lutheran church to have in this great onward movement?

As individuals, as members of our respective congregations, as members of our synodical societies, where such exist, and as members of this Conference, there is work for each and every one of us to do.

ORGANIZATION.

The organization of the Woman's Missionary Conference has undoubtedly given a fresh impetus to the growth of women's missionary societies. The societies in the synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Southwestern Virginia have gone steadily forward. In the Holston Synod a number of societies have been organized and a synodical organization effected. In one of the conferences of the Tennessee Synod the women's societies have been organized. In the Georgia Synod the plan of the congregational missionary society is being tried. There are women's missionary societies in a number of congregations in the Virginia Synod, but no synodical organization. We hope to have workers from all of the synods present at our meetings, for it is the aim of the Conference to be helpful to all of our women who are interested in the cause of missions.

WHY HAVE A WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Just what is the specific work of this Conference and what claim has it to exist among the organizations of the Church? The aim of the Conference should be two-fold, inspirational and practical. The scattered missionary workers throughout our synods need the strength, the renewed courage, the fresh impetus to work which comes from mutual co-operation and association. They need, too, such practical helps in their work as can best be provided for by a central organization. The biennial meetings of the Conference should be arranged with this twofold aim in view. They should be seasons of renewed consecration on the part of the members, and as far as the limited time allows, they should form a training school for our workers where the best methods of meeting the needs of our work should be discussed.

WORK OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The greatest need of our work today is suitable equipment. To provide this we should have a strong Literature Committee with sufficient funds at its disposal to do the work without embarrassment. The committee as constituted at present, is not an efficient working force owing to the fact that its members are widely scattered, and that, having no funds at its disposal, nothing can be done without the authority of the synodical societies. The Week of Prayer envelopes have been issued each year, and the monthly programs for 1908 were published. The work on the programs involved endless correspondence with the delays incident to waiting for letters to be answered. The programs for 1909 have been arranged for and many of the studies

are ready, but owing to ill health, the chairman of this committee, Mrs. M. S. Evans, has not been able to complete the work, nor will she be able to do anything in the near future.

I recommend, therefore, that this committee be reorganized; that at least three of its members should live near enough to each other to consult frequently, and that the Chairman of the Literature Committee in each synodical society be considered an advisory member of this committtee. I further recommend that some adequate provision for funds be made for this committee.

The draft of a uniform constitution for women's societies has been prepared, and is ready to be submitted to this body. A similar constitution should be prepared for the children's societies. Some provision should be made also for the printing of our Minutes.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The present arrangement by which we are indebted to the courtesy of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for the space in the paper devoted to our work, is not satisfactory to the editor of the *Visitor* or to the editor of the Department, nor is there sufficient interest taken in the work by the societies generally. The burden of the department falls heavily on the shoulders of our faithful editor-in-chief. Can we make any better arrangement? In order that we may give the subject the consideration it deserves, I recommend that a committee be appointed to confer with the editor of the *Visitor* as to the department and also to investigate the cost of publishing a separate monthly sheet.

The necessary expenses connected with the department for stationery, cuts, etc., have been paid for heretofore by the South Carolina Society. This expense should be shared by all of the societies alike.

OUR SPECIAL OFFERING.

If the Woman's Missionary Conference is to be continued as representing the women of the whole United Synod, it is necessary to have some bond of union—some common work in which our hearts and hands may unite without regard to differences of opinion. Such a work has been carried on during the past four years under the name of the $20,000 Fund or the Woman's Forward Movement. Fifty shares in the Japan School, representing $5,000, have been paid for, and a like amount has been expended in the different synods for home missions. The law of growth which applies to missionary work as well as to every other form of life and activity, demands that there shall be no standing still. If we attempt to stand still or to go backwards decay inevitably begins. We must go forward if we are to keep alive, and we should be loth to let go of this movement for all of our women. What special object shall be made the beneficiary of our contributions during the next biennium? There are two pressing needs in connec-

tion with our Japan mission today: A kindergarten building and a home for our missionaries. The Board of Missions are not in a position to undertake either unless some special effort is made to provide the necessary funds. Our young women have bravely undertaken the former, and wherever possible we should give them aid and encouragement. As a specific work for the women of the United Synod for the next two years, however, I recommend that we undertake to raise at least $3,000 to be turned over to the Board of Missions for the erection of a suitable home for our missionaries. This is a cause which should appeal to every woman's heart. Our own homes absorb so large a share of our energies and affections that we can easily sympathize with the wives of our missionaries in their difficult household problems in a foreign country. The Japanese house is not suited to the needs of a foreigner, and it is therefore necessary that suitable houses be built for our missionaries. We have such a home at Kumamoto, but at none of the other stations.

The General Literature Committee have had prepared a special thank offering-box for free distribution, the contents of which are to be used for this special offering. In some of the synodical societies this offering is to be divided as heretofore between home and foreign missions. Where there is no such claim upon the fund, I suggest that the whole of it be given to the home in Japan. I recommend, too, that a special Thankoffering secretary be appointed to have the general oversight of this fund, to do the necessary correspondence, to prepare a suitable leaflet to be sent out with the boxes and to endeavor in every way to see that the boxes are properly distributed.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

During the past few years, a number of our bright young women have felt called to dedicate their lives to the service of Christ and His Church in foreign lands. When the work in Japan is ready for these consecrated workers, it will be our privilege to see that they are properly trained and supported. Two of them have already entered upon a course of training while doing home mission work in the Columbia Mill District. Their support has been undertaken by individual congregations for the present, but we should already begin to lay plans for the future, so that when the Church through the Board of Missions calls for our young women to go forth bearing precious seed that they shall go properly equipped and assured of the aid and sympathy of their sisters at home.

And now, dear sisters, the opportunities for service seem boundless. What will you do with them? Let me beg of you in conclusion to consider these words of Pastor Bergstresser: If you hold your culture, your success, your gold for yourself alone, it will by and by grow

worthless in your hand and rot. Only eternal truth and character abide, and if you do not build your life into these things, you are utterly false to yourself. It is not of the slightest importance whether you are rich or poor. One thing is important,—that you fill your life with service, for man's sake and God's sake, and that you go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

MRS. WYTHE F. MOREHEAD.

Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer, Reporting Treasurer, submitted the following report, which was received and ordered published in Minutes:

TOTAL OFFERINGS FROM WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1906-1908.

North Carolina, from report 1907	$3 210 48
North Carolina, from report 1908	2 845 91
South Carolina, from report 1906	2 506 38
South Carolina, from report 1907	3 405 13
Southwestern Virginia, from reports 1907-8	2 475 52
Other offerings reported from 1906-1908	409 56
Total	$14 852 98

An omen of what we may do when we bring "all the tithes into the storehouse."

FORWARD MOVEMENT REPORT.

September, 1908.

South Carolina Society, to June, 1908	$4 172 96
North Carolina Society, to August, 1908	3 040 96
Southwestern Virginia Society, to August, 1908	1 255 45
Virginia, to December, 1907	1 200 30
Virginia, gifts of 1908	156 53
Tennessee Synod, to December, 1907	728 07
Georgia Synod, to December, 1907	344 20
Holston Synod, to December, 1907	59 98
Mississippi Synod, to December, 1907	44 00
General gifts	53 20

PARALLEL GIFTS.

Japan Mission School, to December, 1907	2 838 00
Lutheran Mission League, to December, 1907	1 353 00
Total	$15 246 65

This is an underestimate of our offerings, but it is surely an incentive to go forward until our $20,000 Forward Movement is completed.

The completed whole will be an incentive to "goals yet grander" which "wait our winning."

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. A. B. SCHERER.

The following committee was appointed to nominate officers: Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer.

Officers nominated and elected were:

OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.
1st Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher.
2d Vice-President, Mrs. R. A. Yoder.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Cronk.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Reporting Treasurer, Miss Amelia Habenicht.

The President appointed the following committees:

On President's Report.—Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, Mrs. J. G. Bringman.

On Resolutions.—Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher.

The topic of Co-operation: In Literature, Missionary Department, Tidings, Tracts, Pledge Cards, Offering Boxes, Monthly Programs, was discussed.

Convention adjourned with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 3.30 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer, led by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.

A hymn service was conducted by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

The President of the Board of Missions presented the work of the Board, dwelling especially on the pressing need of a kindergarten building at Saga, Japan. After full discussion, a motion was unanimously carried to cable Rev.

and Mrs. C. K. Lippard, missionaries in charge of the work, that funds would be provided for the building.

At the request of the Convention, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., President of the United Synod, spoke on the relationship which should exist between this Conference and the United Synod.

Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, addressed the Convention on our Publication Interests.

The topic of Missions in the Sunday-school was discussed.

The session was adjourned with prayer, led by Rev. C. A. Freed.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9.30 A. M.

The Conference began its session with a devotional service, conducted by Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer.

The President appointed as Committee on Extension: Mrs. L. A. Fox, Mrs. H. A. McCullough, Miss Ellen Hendrix, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Mrs. W. C. Davis, Mrs. Laura Beaver.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference, representing the woman's missionary societies of the United Synod of the South, does hereby give official assurance to the United Synod that these societies in all their plans and purposes desire to conform strictly to the will of the United Synod and to co-operate most heartily in all work of the Church conducted through the regular channels; and that in every specific undertaking of more than incidental importance they particularly desire the advice and approval of the Mission Board.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Conference endorse the plan of the President of the Mission Board to direct the special foreign mission offerings of the children of the United Synod to the support of a missionary in Japan, to be known as the children's missionary.

Resolved, 2. That the General Literature Committee be authorized to prepare boxes for a special thank-offering to gather funds for the support of the children's missionary.

The Committee on President's Report submitted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President presents a very interesting report which we find eminently worthy to be printed in full in our Minutes, and we so recommend.

We rejoice with her in the record made during the first two years of the existence of this Woman's Missionary Conference, and that we have been enabled to co-operate with the Board of Missions in its efforts to extend the kingdom of our blessed Lord and Saviour.

In regard to the recommendations, contained in the report, we submit for your adoption the following:

As to the reorganization of the Literature Committee: We appreciate heartily the efficient work of this committee, and we assure the chairman Mrs. M. S. Evans of our deep sympathy in her recent illness, and hope she may soon be restored to health.

We recommend:

1. That the President appoint a committee with three members centrally located, and with the chairmen of Literature Committees of the Synodical Societies as advisory members.

2. We also recommend that the several synodical societies give their proportionate part of funds needed by this committee to effectually carry on this work, and that this action be communicated to the synodical bodies through their respective delegates as early as possible.

3. That the constitution, prepared for auxiliary societies, be considered at this conference with a view to its adoption. We also hope for a uniform constitution for children's societies.

4. We recommend further that the United Synod consenting, the Minutes of this our second convention be prepared for publication as a supplement in the Minutes of the United Synod, and that for the courtesy granted us two years ago, we express our sincere thanks.

5. We recommend that it being found agreeable to the editor of *The Lutheran Church Visitor* the Woman's Department be continued as heretofore under direction of our present editor in chief, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, for whose valuable services we feel truly thankful, and that the other synodical societies be requested to share with the South Carolina society the expenses incident to Mrs. Kreps' editorial work,

and that we call upon the presidents of these several synodical societies to co-operate with Mrs. Kreps and her associate editors in furnishing such items of interest in the Woman's Works under their jurisdiction as may be needed to make this department a valuable medium of communication and helpful information.

6. We do heartily endorse the work undertaken by our young women to raise funds for the kindergarten building in Saga, and in view of the pressing need we urge them to push said work to an early completion.

7. We recommend the adoption of our President's suggestion with respect to the raising through thank-offering boxes, the required amount for our missionary home in Japan.

8. With respect to "Our Volunteers," we unite with our President in expressing gratification that the Spirit of Missions has assumed such practical form in our midst, and it is our earnest hope and prayer that opportunities, both in the home and the foreign field, may be providentially made at an early date for the service in our Church for these consecrated young women. We have firm faith that in God's chosen time and way He will make plain the path of duty to those who lay themselves upon the altar of devotion to His service, and we therefore recommend that we declare ourselves ready to cooperate with the work of the Board of Missions, in regard to them.

The report was received and considered by item, and adopted.

The following visitors were made advisory members: Mrs. S. S. Cassell, Rural Retreat, Va.; Miss Amelia Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.; Miss Lula Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. M. M. Kinard, Salisbury, N. C.; Mrs. J. C. Seegers, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. V. C. Ridenhour, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Y. von A. Riser, Rincon, Ga.; Mrs. M. J. Epting, Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Alice Gnann, Stillwell, Ga.

The following recommendation was adopted: That the Woman's Missionary Society in each congregation be asked to take under its care and guidance the children's society of that congregation, and that a manager of same be appointed by the President of the Woman's Society who shall supervise the arrangement of monthly programs, provide literature, and arrange joint meetings and perfect plans for the proper development and training of the children.

A form of constitution, to be recommended to the women's missionary societies in the United Synod, was read and adopted.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 3 P. M.

Session was opened with hymn.

The committee to nominate associate editors of the Woman's Department reported the following nominations: Mrs. R. C. Holland, Miss Ida Greever, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer.

The report was adopted.

The cradle roll work and its comparative value to the Sunday-school and the missionary society was discussed.

The Committee on Letters read a letter from Misses Simpson and Bowers; and a report from Mrs. J. A. B. Scherer, delegate to General Synod Convention.

A resolution to send greeting to these workers, who could not be present, was adopted

A paper on Mission Study, prepared by Mrs. Charles L. Fry, of Catasauqua, Pa., was read by Miss Margaret Greever.

The Secretary was instructed to express to Mrs. Fry the appreciation of the Conference.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we express by a rising vote our sincere appreciation of the cordial hospitality of the Christian people of Savannah and of St. Paul's congregation, who have thrown wide open the doors of their hearts and homes to welcome us into their midst.

Resolved, 2. That we thank Rev. E. C. Cronk very gratefully for the splendid missionary exhibit which contributes so much helpful interest to our work throughout our various synods.

Resolved, 3. That our heartfelt appreciation be tendered to the editors of our *Lutheran Church Visitor* for the space given our Woman's Department.

Resolved, 4. That the thanks of this body are due and are most heartily extended to the *Morning News* and the *Savannah Press* for so many courtesies to us.

MRS. W. C. SCHAEFFER,
MRS. A. D. R. HANCHER.

Report was adopted.

The President was authorized to appoint a representative on the Cooperative Board of Woman's Missionary Societies. Mrs. R. C. Holland was appointed.

The President made the following appointments :

General Literature Committee—Mrs. Kate Eargle, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. W. G. Allworden.

Special Thankoffering Secretary—Miss Amelia Habenicht.

The time and place of next meeting was left to the Executive Committee, pending the action of the United Synod.

The Conference was closed with a consecration service, conducted by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
SECRETARY.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Number	MISSIONS	Established	LOCATION	PASTOR	Church Membership	S. S. Members	Churches	Parsonages	Value Church Property	APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT. By United Synod	By District Synod	Total
1	Woman's Memorial	1907	High Point, N. C	J. L. Morgan	41	37	lot	.	$ 1875 00			
2	Greensboro	1907	Greensboro, N. C		.	.	.	.	. . . .			
3	Mooresville	1907	Mooresville, N. C		.	.	lot	.	800 00	. . .	$1000 00	$1000 00
4	Landis	1907	Landis, N. C		.	.	lot	.	250 00			
5	Kanapolis	1907	Kanapolis, N. C	W. B. Aull	.	.	lot	.	300 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .
6	Haven	1899	Salisbury, N. C	C. I. Morgan	122	160	ch	p	3200 00	. . .	240 00	240 00
7	Christ Church	1870	Spencer, N. C	Vacant	58	73	ch	p	4500 00	. . .	240 00	240 00
8	Calvary	1905	Spencer, N. C		34	53	lot	.	1600 00			
9	First Church	1905	Lexington N. C	Vacant	73	151	ch	p	13600 00	. . .	300 00	300 00
10	St. Andrew's	1893	Concord, N. C	Vacant	126	.	ch	p	5000 00	. . .	75 00	75 00
11	Mt. Hermon	1881	Cabarrus County, N. C		74	43	ch	.	800 00			
12	Lebanon	1893	Barber's, N. C		59	53	ch	p	2500 00			
13	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C	T. C. Parker	38	.	ch	.	2045 00	. . .	120 00	120 00
14	St. Matthew's	1847	Mocksville, N. C		46	25	ch	.	2400 00			
15	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hall, N. C		101	88	ch	p	1800 00			
16	Bethany	1889	Stokes County, N. C	J. W. Strickler	30	42	ch	.	800 00	. . .	210 00	210 00
17	Shiloh	. .	Forsythe County, N. C		55	.	ch	.	1000 00			
	17 Missions		8 Pastorates	5 Pastors	899	725	11	6	$42470 00		$2185 00	$2185 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

1	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C	S. T. Hallman	50	25	ch	.	$12000 00	120 00	$ 500 00	$ 620 00
2	Greenwood	1902	Greenwood, S. C		16	27	lot	.	. . . .			
3	St. James	. .	Leesville, S. C	D. B. Groseclose	55	53	ch	.	4500 00	. . .	120 00	120 00
4	St. Luke	. .	Florence, S. C	J. L. Yonce	27	25	ch	.	5000 00	. . .	150 00	150 00
5	St. Luke	. .	Columbia, S. C	C. E. Weltner	40	89	ch	p	4000 00	$200 00	500 00	700 00
6	Trinity	. .	Saluda County, S. C	N. D. Bodie	77	55	ch	p	1000 00	. . .	200 00	200 00
7	Mt. Pleasant	. .	Saluda County, S. C		29	67	ch	p	3000 00			
8	St. James	. .	Graniteville, S. C	Vacant	77	80	ch	p	2250 00	. . .	300 00	300 00
9	Orange Chapel	. .	Springfield, S. C	J. Austin	33	16	ch	.	2000 00	. . .	25 00	25 00
10	Mayer Memorial	. .	Newberry, S. C	J. D. Shealey	90	45	ch	.	1500 00	. . .	180 00	180 00
	10 Missions	. .	8 Pastorates	7 Pastors	493	482	9	3	$35250 00	$320 00	$1975 00	$2295 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Number	MISSIONS	Established	LOCATION	PASTOR	Church Members	S. S. Members	Churches		Parsonages	Value Church Property	APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT. By United Synod	By District Synod	Total
1	St. John	1887	Statesville, N C	W. A. Lutz	54	87	ch	.		$ 1500 00	. . .	$ 250 00	$ 250 00
2	Gastonia	1898	Gastonia, N. C	John Hall	62	56	ch	p		8750 00			
3	Bessemer City	1904	Bessemer, N. C		56	58	ch	.		1800 00	. .	150 00	150 00
4	Gap Creek	1897	Watauga County, N. C		13	.	.	.		. . . .			
5	Mt. Pleasant	. .	Watauga County, N. C		67	39	ch	.		1300 00			
6	Mt. Zion	1896	Watauga County, N. C	H. A. Kistler	24	34	ch	.		775 00	. . .	200 00	200 00
7	Holy Communion	. .	Watauga County, N. C		43	28	ch	.		. . . .			
8	Blowing Rock	1904	Watauga County, N. C		19	.	.	p		. . . .			
9	Morning Star	. .	Monroe, N. C	R. H. Cline	40	.	.	.		. . . .			
10	St. Luke	. .	Monroe, N. C		24	.	.	.		. . . .	. . .	250 00	250 co
11	Emmanuel	. .	Davidson County, N. C	A. L. Bolick	73	.	ch	.		600 00	. . .	. . .	. . .
12	Lenoir	1908	Lenoir, N. C	W. A. Deaton	50	.	.	.		. . . .	. . .	800 00	800 00
13	West Hickory	1908	Hickory, N. C		40	120	.	.		. . . .			
14	St. Martin	. .	Cabarrus County, N. C	H. L. Seagle	30	.	ch	.		1000 00	. . .	100 00	100 00
15	Mt. Gilead	. .	Cabarrus County. N. C		30	46	ch	.		550 00			
	15 Missions	. .	7 Pastorates	7 Pastors	625	468	9		2	$16275 00	. .	$1750 00	$1750 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1	Bethel	. .	Manassas, Va	J. K. Efird	67	60	ch	p		$ 5500 00	. . .	$ 315 00	$ 315 00
2	Trinity	. .	Manassas, Va		25	41	ch	.		700 00			
	2 Missions	. .	1 Pastorate	1 Pastor	92	101	2		1	$ 6200 00	. . .	$ 315 00	$315 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD.

1	St. James	. .	Brunswick, Ga	S. L. Nease	35	30	lot	.		$ 2000 00	. . .	$1000 00	$1000 00
2	St. Paul	. .	Fitzgerald, Ga		13	.	lot	.		. . . .			
3	Rome	. .	Rome, Ga	J. S. Elmore	.	.	.	.		. . . .	. . .	200 co	200 00
4	Macon	. .	Macon, Ga	W. C. Schaeffer, Jr	180	151	ch	p		28000 00	$500 00	500 00	1000 00
5	Church of the Redeemer	. .	Atlanta, Ga										
	5 Missions	. .	3 Pastorates	3 Pastors	228	181	1		1	$30000 00	$500 00	$1700 00	$2200 00

MOME MISSIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

1	Goodman	. .	Goodman, Miss	J. L. Derrick	75	50	ch	.		$ 3500 00	$180 00	. . . .	$ 180 00
	1 Mission	. .	1 Pastorate	1 Pastor	75	50	1	.		$ 3500 00	$180 00	. . . .	$ 180 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Number	MISSIONS	Established	LOCATION	PASTOR	Church Members	S. S. Members	Churches	Parsonages	Value Church Property	APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT: By United Synod	By District Synod	Total
1	Woman's Memorial	1888	Pulaski, Va	Geo. H. Rhodes	68	130	ch .		$ 6000 00	175 00	. . . .	$ 175 00
2	Christ Church	1891	Radford, Va		20	.	lot .		300 00			
3	Immanuel	1889	Bluefield, Va	C. R. W. Kegley	43	28	lot .		7500 00	500 00	. . . .	500 00
4	Wartburg	1889	Graham, Va		65	46	ch .		3500 00			
5	Holy Trinity	1903	Lynchburg, Va	J. C. Peery	65	44	ch p		9000 00	. . .	$ 600 00	$ 600 00
6	Church of the Redeemer	1903	Bristol, Tenn	K. Y. Umberger	68	65	ch .		10500 00	250 00	170 00	420 00
7	St. Mark's	1903	Keystone	Vacant	.	.	. .		. . . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .
	7 Missions		5 Pastorates	4 Pastors	329	313	4	1	$36800 00	$925 00	$ 770 00	$1695 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

1	Greeneville Mission		Greeneville, Tenn	W. C. Schaeffer, Sr	27	32	ch .		$ 2500 00	$225 00	$ 300 00	$ 525 00
2	Holy Trinity		Morristown, Tenn		38	40	ch .		3000 00	225 00		225 00
	2 Missions		1 Pastorate	1 Pastor	75	72	2 .		$ 5500 00	$450 00	$ 300 00	$ 750 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD.

1	St. Peter's		Wardensville, Va	P. J. Wade	173	135	ch p		5700 00	. . .	$ 150 00	150 00
2	Hebron		Wardensville, Va				ch .					
3	Fairview		Wardensville, Va				ch .					
4	Trout Run		Wardensville, Va				ch .					
5	Muhlenberg		Harrisonburg, Va	G. E. Shuey	79	75	ch .		6370 00	. .	275 00	275 00
6	St. Peter's		Churchville, Va	W. W. J. Ritchie	47	75	ch p		2000 00	. . .	125 00	125 00
7	Pleasant View		Churchville, Va		82	92	ch .		1000 00	. . .	150 00	150 00
8	Trinity		Buena Vista, Va	J. G. Graichen	98	66	ch p		9500 00	. . .	150 00	150 00
9	Grace		Waynesboro		98	66	ch p		9500 00	. . .	150 00	150 00
10	Frieden		Rockingham, Va	Vacant	67	134	ch p		2000 00	. . .	100 00	100 00
11	St. John		Rockingham, Va		59	71	ch .		2500 00			
12	Trinity		Rockingham, Va		20	.	ch .		900 00			
13	Portsmouth	1908	Portsmouth, Va	J. W. Shuey	.	.	. .		. . . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .
	13 Missions		6 Pastorates	5 Pastors	723	714	12	5	$39470 00	. . .	$ 950 00	$ 950 00

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL THE SYNODS COMPOSING THE UNITED SYNOD.

72 Missions		40 Pastorates	34 Pastors	3534	3106	51	19	$188465 00	2375 00	$9945 00	12320 00

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS UNITED SYNOD—1908.

Index Number	SYNODS	Organized	PAROCHIAL																		
								LOSSES			ACCESSIONS								FINANCES		
			Churches	Stations	Prayer Meetings	Students for Ministry	Catechumens	Death	Certificate	Other Losses	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate	Restoration	Communicant Members	Confirmed Members	Baptized Members	Estimated Value Church Property	Indebtedness	Local Expenses for All Objects
1	North Carolina	1803	65	5	10	14	650	104	274	128	353	29	349	315	1	7857	8906	11521	$ 304395	$ 15680 00	$ 43845 55
2	Tennessee	1820	120	.	.	4	1680	243	210	212	589	. .	518	236	15	10850	10850	6033	388170	. . . . .	29288 66
3	South Carolina	1824	77	.	15	7	522	188	140	62	472	41	383	198	3	10303	10303	12500	356314	437 00	42895 30
4	Virginia	1829	50	16	.	8	281	88	102	90	190	87	155	95	17	6069	6069	6522	302570	6735 24	27812 67
5	Southwestern Virginia	1842	65	20	.	6	303	48	46	53	162	71	140	109	1	4818	4818	5140	218825	13604 00	17205 16
6	Mississippi	1855	14	.	.	.	42	2	9	58	18	31	16	19	.	815	815	833	6550	. . . . .	31 62
7	Georgia	1860	24	.	7	.	98	49	75	1	144	33	101	144	.	3327	3327	3644	249600	12668 00	20789 34
8	Holston	1861	25	.	.	2	88	21	20	66	74	23	95	34	31	1650	1650	2340	45480	. . . . .	2380 37
	Total		440	35	32	41	3664	743	876	670	2002	315	1757	1150	68	45689	46738	48533	$1871904	$ 49124 24	$184248 67

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS UNITED SYNOD—1908—CONCLUDED.

Index Number	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS					Y. P. SOCIETIES			BENEVOLENCE												
				Contributions			Contributions														
	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	For Support of Schools and Local Objects	Beneficence	Number of Members, including Juniors	For Local Objects	Beneficence	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Theological Seminary and College	Ministerial Education	Woman's Missionary Society	Pastors' Fund	Orphan Home	Aid Societies	External Objects	Total Benevolence	Grand Tatal
1	55	688	6473	$ 2658 75	$1112 40	2816	. . . .	$4379 68	$ 923 40	$1375 30	$ 441 20	$ 121 35	$ 143 75	$ 533 55	$2203 65	$ 57 85	$ 618 45	. . . .	$2316 45	$ 14227 03	$ 58072 58
2	94	734	6278	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	3411 35	452 02	576 43	. . . .	10568 61	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	1807 12	. . . .	2637 24	16815 43	46370 33
3	70	699	5128	2110 30	987 39	493	$ 210 39	405 00	848 12	941 14	589 70	821 00	2303 05	427 70	2257 32	51 65	1201 00	$2411 28	. . . .	43144 22	60249 00
4	55	631	4398	2341 02	1143 84	40	2300 48	. . . .	352 65	1759 39	3173 63	23 35	2977 20	192 74	447 62	244 14	819 41	2155 31	107 14	32531 17	42364 92
5	45	504	2205	1115 95	312 01	1080	316 20	1044 76	139 92	1098 45	456 01	7 00	94 23	86 01	1044 76	74 68	653 31	. . . .	. . . .	5805 75	23198 52
6	8	40	288	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	87 27	76 90	120 99	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	28 95	. . . .	46 12	354 23	385 85
7	16	239	1731	2025 63	601 82	1534	1382 58	1156 85	640 82	1078 64	339 79	459 00	70 98	. . . .	618 53	. . .	497 98	. . . .	. . . .	6641 01	30810 66
8	13	96	736	112 11	80 45	31	24 00	45 00	157 03	514 77	125 21	19 60	6 60	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	83 73	. . . .	22 78	1055 17	1191 28
	356	3631	27237	$10363 76	$4237 91	5994	$4233 65	$7021 39	$6560 56	$7296 61	$5821 96	$1451 30	$16164 42	$1240 00	$6571 88	$428 32	$5709 95	$4566 59	$5129 73	$120574 01	$259643 14

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Time—Tuesday after the Second Sunday in November, 1912, at 8 p. m.

Place—Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH CONVENTION
OF THE
UNITED SYNOD
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, September 6, 1910, at 8 o'clock p. m., and began the exercises of the Twelfth regular session.

The preparatory service was conducted by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., the altar service by Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., and the synodical sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., President of Synod, from John 9: 4.

The holy communion was administered to the members of the Synod, and the congregation. The closing service was led by Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., with the benediction by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1910, 9 A. M.

The Synod assembled and devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. W. Shealy. The President then formally opened the Synod, and the clerical and lay delegates were enrolled.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., H. A. McCullough, V. Y. Boozer, Geo. H. Cox, D. D., W. A. Snyder, A. G. Voigt, D. D., R. C. Holland, D. D., B. S. Brown, and J. E. Shenk.

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(a)—Absent.

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Lay.—Messrs. D. N. Akard, and J. M. Kinzer (a).

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical.—Rev. J. R. Howorth.
Lay.—Mr. Geo. T. Derrick (a).

The President then read his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

Report of President.

Dear Brethren in Christ: At the beginning of another convention of the United Synod it is as well to look backward as forward, but also forward and not only backward. Sober, self-criticism is not only more becoming, but more useful than self-complacency. A report on the state of the Church in one of our district synods contained this judicious reflection: "There is and must be a holy discontent among us. The note of pessimism is the sign of the Spirit's work." I would prefer to say, the note of insufficiency. Verily we have nothing extraordinary to boast of. But a review of the work of the past biennium shows some progress in every direction. There is a slow increase of our membership. Our mission work, both Home and Foreign, indicates an enlargement of our field at home and abroad. Our Orphan Home is providing for more children than ever. Our Publication enterprise is progressing with rapid strides. The plan to remove the Theological Seminary and to house it in larger and more suitable buildings is about to be realized. Our Colleges are enjoying unprecedented prosperity. The operations of our District Synods are, in general, characterized by aggressiveness and progress. In short, we have manifold reasons to thank God for His blessing upon the efforts of our churches. We still live and the pulse of our life is not weak. Some things have been accomplished for the kingdom of God. Our life is not a languishing life destitute of vigor and of the power of the Holy Spirit. The faith of Christ abides among us and the banner of the cross is still uplifted by many loyal and true hands. We are but a small part of the great Church of the Redeemer, and only a small part of that part denominated from the great Reformer, but we are still striving to get more ready and better equipped to preserve the gospel for those who come after

us and to extend it to those ignorant of its saving power. With devout and confident hearts we are still able to say: "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion; and unto Thee shall the vow be performed."

Our numerical increase is slow, and it can not be expected to be otherwise in the conditions that exist. Immigration helps us comparatively little. Our work at home consists chiefly in holding the natural increase of our present membership. And this is made difficult and expensive for us by the shifting of population in our territory, and impossible where there is a constant outflow of population. Nowhere in our territory is there a large number of people of Lutheran antecedents, which our synods do not reach or at least reach out to. In proportion to the material which we have to work on, the United Synod is caring for what naturally comes to its care as well as any part of the Lutheran Church anywhere.

We have reason to rejoice in the unbroken adherence of our pastors and churches to the principles on which the United Synod is founded. In our zeal for practical activity we should never forget that this body exists not only for cooperation in work, but also for mutual strengthening in a true Christian faith and confession. The times are adverse to a strong, distinctive Christian faith and a clear and sharply defined confession of it. A flood of doubt and uncertainty in regard to the fundamentals of Christian belief is sweeping over Christendom. We rejoice that its streams have not invaded our churches and pulpits. To be firm in the faith and fervent in piety is still the aspiration of the United Synod. We have received a doctrinal inheritance from the Reformation and an inheritance of devotional spirit from the age of Pietism, and it is and should be our endeavor to preserve both.

The temptation to enter upon a rapid survey of the various branches of our activity is difficult to resist. But it would not be proper for this report to forestall the reports of the respective boards and committees charged with these operations. Therefore avoiding all discussions of detail, I confine myself to a few general remarks.

First, I would remark that the difficult problems which confront us in every part of our common work are not a discouragement, but rather an encouragement. They are proof that we are alive and doing something. The dead have no problems, and the idle no serious problems. The perplexities about how we shall meet the demands grow out of the work which causes the demands. As long as we are in earnest we shall never get done

with difficult and growing problems. Therefore, while the note of insufficiency may be heard in our deliberations, let the note of despondency be absent. We have every reason to take courage from our problems.

Further, I take the liberty of suggesting that in the prosecution of our work we should be guided by a sense of proportion. Every branch of our work is important, but always in relation to other branches. While we do one thing, we must not leave the other undone. We must preserve system in our beneficence. All the larger operations in the different departments of our activity ought to be planned and approved by this body, and the various boards and committees instructed accordingly. Am I mistaken when I say there is a danger of bringing different causes into conflict, and if the contrast of the one to the other developing into a virtual opposition? Indeed, it appears to me that it would be helpful to our work, if we had an apportionment committee, which would take into consideration all the needs, as reported by various boards and committees, and recommend what amount shall be apportioned for each object and what sums shall be raised by extraordinary efforts.

In my report to the last convention I recommended that steps be taken to secure an adequate revenue for our synodical treasury. It was not practical to do anything in this matter at that convention. That the state of our treasury has grown worse since then the report of the treasurer will show. I therefore recommend that special attention be given to devising ways and means to secure adequate revenue and to liquidate our indebtedness.

At its last convention the United Synod wished the Laymen's Movement God-speed. I think this convention should go further than that. The Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement ought to be officially recognized. While it is voluntary, it ought not to be regarded merely as a private undertaking, but as one of the lines in which the United Synod is doing its work. A report of its organization, methods and operations ought to be received by us and embodied in our minutes. I have been informed that the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Movement would bring to this convention a report of its present status. I have no doubt that it will be your pleasure to receive this report and to incorporate it in our minutes.

On August 12th there was sent to me a letter by the Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., Secretary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, calling

attention to certain action of that body at its last convention at Richmond, Ind., in regard to practical cooperation and fraternal conference with other Lutheran bodies. For some time we have allowed the appointment of a committee on cooperation with other Lutheran bodies to lapse, doubtless because there was nothing special demanding the attention of such a committee. I recommend that we take note of the action of the General Synod, reappoint a committee on Fraternal Cooperation, and instruct it in regard to the terms of cooperation with other Lutheran bodies acceptable to the United Synod.

On June 20th, 1909, I received from the Rev. A. S. Nielsen, secretary of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a copy of a resolution of thanks of that body to the United Synod for friendly offices in Japan. The letter was forwarded by me to Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland, president of the Board of Foreign Missions.

It gives me special pleasure to refer to two notable acts of benevolence for the furtherance of the work of our Church. On June 19th, 1909, Mrs. S. C. Swigert, of Forest, Miss., donated the sum of $2,000 to the United Synod, the proceeds of which are to be used to aid students for the ministry. On October 18th, 1909, Mrs. Kate E. Drafts, of Eastover, S. C., donated $5,000 to the United Synod to be applied to the permanent endowment fund of the Theological Seminary. Mrs. Drafts made the donation in memory of her husband, George Michael Drafts, who was a member of the Lutheran Church. May these examples of beneficence move others to consider the claims of the Lord's work upon them and their means!

A number of years ago the United Synod, through its committee on Common Book of Worship, had the text of Luther's Catechism, as approved by the joint committee, printed. There was not much sale for the booklets and the stock remained with the printers, Henkel & Company, New Market, Va. On June 27th, 1910, that firm mailed a letter to me, offering to take the stock of these catechisms for $28.97, this amount to be credited to the account of the United Synod with that firm. Without hesitation I acceped this liberal offer, and I now ask for your approval of my action.

It was my intention to present a review of all the chief branches of the work of the United Synod. At my request the heads of various departments kindly furnished me brief statements of the present status of our operations. But further reflection made me see that it would extend this report to undue length to embody in it even a summary view of our diverse

activities. The pervading note of all the letters I received was this: We have accomplished something, but we must do better.

As I conclude this report the time has come for me to return to you the honorable trust you have committed to me in making me your presiding officer. I do so with sincere thanks. During my incumbency I have always felt the high honor I enjoyed more than the labor that fell to me. Indeed, I ought not to speak of that as labor, which was done with such hearty support and considerate indulgence and patience, as I have ever received from the members of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT.

The order of daily sessions, for today and tomorrow, was fixed at from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

The order for the election of officers was now taken up, and the following were elected:

OFFICERS.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., President.
Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Vice-President.
Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., Secretary.
Mr. J. E. Cooper, Treasurer.
Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., Statistical Secretary.

On request of the Secretary, Mr. Chas. H. Stieglitz was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The reading of the Rules of Order, as provided for in the By-Laws, was, on motion, dispensed with.

Rev. Alfred Ramsey, D. D., the official representative of the General Council; Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., official Secretary of the General Synod; Rev. Wm. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Literary Secretary of the Board of Publication of the General Council; Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, missionary of the United Synod to Japan; Rev. Edward Brekhus, of the Norwegian United Synod, and Rev. J. O. Glenn, visiting minister of the General Council, were received as advisory members. Other visiting ministers, on presenting names to the Secretary, to be accorded the same privilege.

On motion, tomorrow morning was fixed as the time to hear the representatives from the General Synod and the General Council.

The Treasurer's report was read by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

C. H. Duls, Treasurer, in Account With the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

		Dr.	
1908.			
Oct.	8.	No balance in hands Treasurer (P. 52 last minutes).	
Dec.	28.	Received of J. H. Sheppard, Treasurer Mississippi Synod, in re expenses, minutes, etc..	$ 7.20
1909.			
Jan.	8.	Received of James D. Heiling, Treasurer North Carolina Synod, in re expenses, minutes, etc..	44.50
June	1.	Received of A. B. Greiner, Treasurer Southwest Virginia Synod (from Marion congregation)	1.75
Aug.	11.	Received from M. Coffman, Treasurer Synod of Virginia, in re expenses..	31.20
1910.			
Aug.	22.	Received from J. M. Kinser, Treasurer Holston Synod, in re expenses..	7.50
		Total receipts..	$ 92.15

Note—All the Synods have not yet reported.

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1908.			
Dec.	21.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary (Page 85 last minutes)..	$ 27.00
Dec.	21.	Paid Prince Green, sexton (Page 90 last minutes..	5.00
1909.			
Oct.	30.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean, interest to June 11, 1909, on $529.70 note (Page 9 last minutes)..	25.80
1910.			
Sept.	5.	Check enclosed to pay Rev. A. G. Voigt, Dean, interest $502.70, note, to June 11, 1910..	25.13
		Check to pay Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, for expenses of stationery and mailing, etc	2.50
		Check to pay Henkel & Co. on account..	6.72
		Total disbursements..	$ 92.15

Note—The outstanding indebtedness of United Synod, as per minutes last convention, page 53, was:

Due Henkel & Co.. .. ..$ 202.50
Due Theological Seminary, money borrowed (do. p. 53). 502.70

The present indebtedness of Synod is as follows:

1. Due Henkel & Co. on old account, $202.50; on 1908 account, $340.00; less check now paid, $6.72; balance due, $506.81, and less catechisms returned, $28.97.

2. Due Theological Seminary (borowed money), $502.70, and interest, from June 11, 1910.

3. Expenses of official visitors (page 93) have not been paid. (Itemized statements are filed herewith). Official visitors have filed no account with Treasurer.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

The F. P. Cover Fund, $10,000.00. (See page 53 last Minutes). This fund is still invested at interest as heretofore. The Treasurer believes this fund is securely invested in accordance with the provisions of the will of the testator and the instructions of Synod, and he exhibits and files herewith the papers and securities evidencing the investments.

Interest has been collected on $8,500 of the fund to August 14, 1910.. .. ..$1,020.00
Interest has been collected on $1,500 of the fund to August 15, 1910.. .. .. 180.00

$1,200.00

Of this interest there has been paid:

To Rev. J. A. Huffard, pastor Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran church.. .. ..$ 120.00
To Treasurer Lutheran Orphan Home.. .. .. 1,080.00

$1,200.00

Vouchers for said payments are also filed herewith.

Mrs. Kate E. Drafts, Widow of Geo. Michael Drafts, $5,000 *Donation* to the permanent endowment fund of the Theological Seminary. The Seminary not being an incorporated body, this fund, with the advice and consent of the President, was turned over to and accepted by the undersigned, Treasurer, on behalf of Synod, with the understanding and agreement that the matter should be laid before the present convention for action. The Treasurer received the $5,000 fund October 21, 1909, and placed same on 4 per cent. certificate of deposit with the First National

Bank of Charlotte, N. C. This certificate (No. 21433), along with copy of the trust paper and of the receipt signed by the treasurer, are exhibited and filed with this report.

Mrs. S. C. Swigert $2,000 *Beneficiary Education Fund.* This was a $2,000 donation to United Synod in trust that the fund be deposited during the natural life of the donor, Mrs. S. C. Swigert, in the Bank of Forest, Forest, Miss., any interest on said deposit during said time to be paid to her; the principal to forever remain intact and undiminished; and upon and after donor's decease, the interest to be expended by United Synod, trustee, primarily for the education of men who are citizens of the State of Mississippi, identified with the Mississippi Synod, and who are candidates for the ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and, secondarily, for other candidates as in the written instrument of gift provided. All the papers and correspondence connected with the matter, including receipt in favor of Synod as trustee from the Bank of Forest for the fund which was deposited there on September 6, 1909, are exhibited and filed with this report. Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DULS, Treasurer.

September 5, 1910

Sources of Revenue:

1. Annual assessment of one-half cent per capita (standing resolution 4).
2. Profits accruing from sale Book of Worship (p. 85, last Minutes).
3. Proceeds sale Sunday School picture charts, if any on hand (pages 7 and 75, last Minutes).

A letter from Hon. C. H. Duls was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, in list of Standing Committees, Rules of Order, page 6 in place of Committee "on Missions," there shall be Committee on Home Missions, and Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., presented resolutions under item 12, By-Laws, page 4, and, on motion, they were held for consideration in connection with the Report of the Board of Home Missions.

It was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the Sunday School Hymnal prepared by Rev. E. C. Cronk, and report its judgment on it at this convention of Synod.

The report of the official visitor to Elizabeth College was received and adopted.

Report of Visitor to Elizabeth College.

This institution continues to increase its equipment and efficiency, and to grow in favor with the general public. It has a property value of more than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00). Last year three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) were spent on permanent improvements, and one thousand ($1,000.00) on repairs. The beautiful buildings and grounds are in perfect condition.

There were one hundred and ninety-six students from twelve States last session. The courses of study indicate that the college ranks with the best Southern Colleges for women. The faculty is composed of eighteen active teachers and several lecturers. The members of the faculty come from fifteen States, represent forty colleges, universities and conservatories, and one hundred and fifty-five years' teaching experience.

The fourteenth session begins September 15th, 1910. The present enrollment of students for session 1910-11 shows a substantial increase over last session.

This college, while not under board supervision of the United Synod, is, nevertheless, Lutheran in spirit and management, and for this reason, and on account of its superior advantages, commends itself to the Lutheran Church, and is eminently worthy of our moral support and encouragement.

An official communication from the President expresses his regrets that he is unable to attend the United Synod on account of his needed presence at the college incident to the formal opening of the session. It is his earnest desire that the Synod continue to express its friendly relations towards the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER, Visitor.

Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., was re-elected official visitor to Elizabeth College.

The Report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod was read by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., and was referred to a Special Committee to be composed of four members, two each from the Committees on Reports of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

The Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D.

At 8 p. m. the Vesper Service was conducted by Rev. M. M.

Kinard, Ph.D., and addresses were made on Home and Foreign Missions by Rev. John Hall and Rev. Chas. K. Hunton—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., presiding.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1910, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with devotional services, led by Rev. J. E. Shenk.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Standing Committees.

The Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

No. 1. *On President's Report.*—Rev. W. R. Brown, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., Rev. John Hall, Rev. Jas. D. Kinard, Rev. Walter C. Davis, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Mr. C. H. Stieglitz.

No. 2. *On Minutes of Last Convention.*—Rev. J. C. Peery, Rev. J. K. Efird, Rev. J. E. Shenk, Capt. J. W. Jenny, Mr. J. P. Cook.

No. 3. *On District Synods.*—Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. W. P. Cline, Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh, Capt. J. C. Seegers, Mr. M. G. M. Fisher.

No. 4. *On Devotional Exercises.*—Pastor loci and officers of Synod.

No. 5. *On Theological Seminary.*—Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D., Rev. W. A. Snyder, Rev. J. H. Harms, D. D., Mr. S. T. Shank, Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel.

No. 6. *On Literary Institutions.*—Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., Rev. Enoch Hite, Rev. B. S. Brown, Dr. A. B. Greiner, Mr. Jacob Umlauf.

No. 7. *On Orphan Home.*—Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., Rev. J. A. Cromer, Rev. C. A. Freed, Hon. Jno. F. Ficken, Mr. A. H. Kohn.

No. 8. *On Home Missions.*—Rev. H. A. McCullough, Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. S. S. Rahn, D. D., Rev. W. P. Huddle, Rev. C. L. Miller, Rev. J. R. Howorth, Mr. D. N. Akard, Hon. J. D. Cappelmann.

No. 9. *On Foreign Missions.*—Rev. C. Armand Miller, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., Rev. T. W. Shealy, Rev. W. C. Davis, Mr. J. A. Alexander, Mr. G. W. J. Sharitz.

No. 10. *On Board of Publication.*—Rev. T. O. Keister, D. D., Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., Rev. M.

G. G. Scherer, D. D., Hon. C. M. Efird, Mr. D. N. Akard, Mr. A. G. Johnson.

No. 11. *On Finance.*—Rev. T. O. Keister, D. D., Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Hon. Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D., Col. A. M. Bowman, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Hon. C. M. Efird.

No. 12. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Col. A. M. Bowman, Mr. H. L. Bonham, Mr. R. A. Rudisill.

No. 13. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., Rev. W. A. Snyder, Rev. S. P. Koon, Mr. A. G. Wise, Mr. M. L. Rudisill.

No. 14. *On Church Literature.*—Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Rev. L. L. Lohr, Rev. C. E. Weltner, D. D., Mr. H. D. Derrick, Mr. Jacob Umlauf.

No. 15. *To Nominate Visitors to Other Bodies.*—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Rev. Paul Sieg, Dr. O. B. Mayer, Dr. R. B. Killian.

Special Committees.

On Proposed Sunday School Hymnal.—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Rev. Chas. K. Bell.

On Report of Board of Mission and Church Extension.—Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, Mr. J. A. Alexander.

Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., the fraternal representative from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, was presented and received as an advisory member.

Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., presented his report as official representative to the General Synod, which was received as information and ordered to be printed in our minutes, eliminating the address which accompanies the report.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., reported as fraternal delegate to the General Council. The report was received as information and ordered printed in our minutes.

Report of Fraternal Delegate to General Synod.

By appointment of the President of United Synod, I attended the forty-fourth convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, held at Richmond, Indiana, June 2-10, 1909 (as substitute delegate for Rev. J. E. Shenk, who was elected as your regular delegate, but was unable to attend that meeting). I was received in the marked and cordial spirit which has always characterized the

attitude of the General Synod toward the United Synod. I remained from the opening session Wednesday, June 2, until Saturday, and noted the earnest, broad, aggressive spirit in which that body met its work. The enrollment showed 122 ministerial members and 111 lay members, representing 23 district synods, 1,733 congregations and 231,724 communicants. The delegates were strong men, many of whom have been officially connected with the General Synod's work for years, whose names are known throughout the Lutheran Church in America. The grand totals in the statistics of the General Synod are large and indicate fine results from the energetc efforts of that body. In the biennium reported at Richmond the General Synod churches gave $109,131.28 for Home Missions, $96,313.37 for Foreign Missions, $70,845.34 for Church Extension and a grand total for benevolence of $775,712.95. But the practical work of this progressive body was not all that interested us. An unsettled relationship between the General Synod and the General Council was the occasion for much concern and some anxiety on the part of those who had been hoping for a United Lutheran Church in America. The presence of Dr. H. E. Jacobs as a delegate from the General Council was an assurance that the points of issue would not be evaded, but that they would receive consideration in the spirit of Christ. It was so, and the whole Church has reason to rejoice that the adjustment of differences between these bodies means a great step toward the fuller unity of the whole Lutheran Church in America. It becomes more and more apparent that the service which the United Synod is called to perform as mediator between the other general bodies is not the least part of its distinctive mission.

The subject of the General Synod's doctrinal basis and its cooperation with other bodies, was a subject of intense interest, and of full and free discussion. The theses adopted relative thereto, in the form of resolutions, are found in the minutes of that meeting, pages 56-61. This fuller statement is gratifying to those who subscribe to all of the historic confessions of the Lutheran Church.

The greetings of the United Synod were duly presented, and were responded to in a most fitting and cordial manner by the President of the General Synod, Rev. H. K. Fenner, D. D.

The General Synod appointed Rev. P. H. Miller, D. D., as fraternal delegate to the United Synod, and Rev. Prof. David H. Bauslin, D. D., as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to the General Council.

It was a matter of great personal disappointment to your delegate to the General Council that at the last moment, contrary to purposes, imperative duties prevented his attendance at the last meeting of that body. However, a letter conveying the greetings of the United Synod was forwarded and was read before the General Council.

The growing cordiality, unity of faith, and practical cooperation between the General Council and the United Synod are noted with profound gratitude to God. It gives encouragement to the hope that in our generation at least the three predominently English-speaking general bodies of America may be one in faith and practical cooperation.

Rev. Prof. Alfred Ramsey, D. D., was appointed delegate to our present convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD.

Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., from the General Synod, and Rev. Alfred Ramsey, D. D., from the General Council, then addressed the Synod in most pleasing terms, bearing the fraternal greetings of their respective synods to this body. The President of Synod responded to these addresses in terms pleasing and appropriate.

Rev. M. B. Porter, of the Presbyterian Church, and Secretary of the American Bible Society, was presented and officially recognized.

The following were also received as advisory members: Revs. Fred H. Meuschke, A. L. Crouse, F. G. Gotwald, D. D., and F. L. Sigmund, D. D., of the Lutheran Publication Society of the General Synod.

Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D., made his report as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary. The report was received, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

Dr. Wilson also reported for the Joint Committee on relocation of the Seminary. (See Minutes of 1908, pages 54-55.)

This report was received, and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary, that committee being instructed to insert the amounts offered by cities competing for the location of that institution.

Rev. W. P. Cline read the report of the Board of Publication, which was received and held for reference to the proper committee.

On motion, a standing committee on "Board of Publication" was added to the list of committees, and the report of the Board of Publication was referred to this committee.

The Committee on Sunday-school Work reported. Report received, to be considered by items:

Item 1 was adopted.

Pending the further consideration of the report Synod adjourned.

Benediction by the President.

At 8 p. m. Vesper services were conducted by Rev. Chas. K. Hunton. Rev. C. E. Weltner, D. D., made an address on Inner Missions, and Rev. A. D. R. Hancher on The Needs of Our Orphan Home. Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., presided.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1910, 9 A. M.

Synod convened and devotional services were conducted by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The pending report on Sunday-school Work was deferred until reports on Home and Foreign Missions, and on Common Book of Worship be presented.

Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., read the report of the Board of Home Missions, which was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Resolutions previously offered by Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., were also referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., made his report as President of the Board of Foreign Missions, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, our Missionary from Japan, then, on request, addressed the Synod, forcibly presenting the needs of our mission in the Orient.

Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Superintendent of the Slav Missions of the General Council, was invited to address the Synod. He gave an interesting account of the immigration and needs of the Slavak Lutherans in the South.

The following response was adopted:

We have heard with the depest interest the statement of our brother of the General Council, Rev. Dr. Ramer, concerning work

now being prosecuted among the Slavacks, and especially of that part of it on our own territory, and we urge our pastors, with whom he may come in contact in his attempts to reach and minister to that, or any kindred people, to render any help they may, in caring for them and gathering them into congregations, in which they may receive the stated ministrations of the gospel, or where that can not be done, such occasional ministrations as may be possible.

We also invite the presence of our brother amongst us, at any time in the future, to inform us of his field and work.

Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., presented the report of the Corporation Board of the Orphan Home, which was received and referred to the Committee on Orphan Home.

The consideration of the Report on Sunday-school Work was resumed, and the report was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Sunday School Work.

Just about one hundred years ago the first Lutheran Sunday school in this country was founded. Since then its history has been checkered, and at times its importation regretted. But the Sunday school has slowly won real existence in our Church by adjusting itself to the life and needs of the Church. Perhaps this is the first report of its kind ever submitted to the United Synod of the South.

The general condition of the Sunday schools of the United Synod was investigated by your committee immediately after the last meeting of Synod. But geographical separation and the great expense of getting the committee together prevented frequent conferences. Two meetings were held, first in Charlotte, N. C., and the second in Greensboro, N. C. The two most expedient matters that presented themselves to the committee were: First, to get the Sunday school to do real work; second, to unify that work. To this end the committee at its first meeting outlined and published in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* a programme which included a fair beginning in normal work. The general idea of the programme was to recommend to all the district synods asking for cooperation of plans and unity of action. The faithful *Lutheran Church Visitor* was often used to keep the needs of the Sunday school before the Church. The results have been beyond what might have been expected. At the last meeting of the United Synod, Sunday School Normal or Institutes were practically unknown. The past summer some normal work was done in every synod, with perhaps one exception. In

some of the synods there is a permanent committee on Sunday school work and the annual normal has fixed place. The old Sunday school convention, with its hackneyed exhortations from perhaps earnest yet plainly incompetent workers, is slowly giving way to better methods of instruction. As we go into the subject some difficulties disappear and many others appear. We are far from the end of our ideal—just a beginning.

Your committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That the Synod appoint a committee to arrange a teacher training course, to prepare or select and recommend suitable text books.

2. For the development of the young people in benevolence, we urge the passage of a resolution requesting all our Sunday schools to take offerings for the several causes of the United Synod to which the congregations are asked to contribute.

3. We recommend that a standing committee be appointed on Sunday schools, with the suggestion that it be more localized.

4. Resolved, That the Sunday school committee shall have general supervision over the teacher training work of the United Synod and shall have authority to provide and issue teacher training certificates to those who have satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of study.

Your committee would call Synod's attention to the difficulties of non-official Sunday school literature. With three or four different series of lessons, almost equally used in our Synod, your committee is at a serious disadvantage in planning practical work and answering definite questions. Demonstration class work, or teacher training work, where so many unofficial text books are used is, to say the least, confusing. Our normal work can never have the unity or efficiency that it would have without official literature.

We call attention to the difficulties that Synod may aid in removing them. Respectfully submitted.

H. A. McCULLOUGH,
C. A. FREED,
CHAS. K. BELL,
W. H. RISER,
T. W. SHEALY,
T. O. KEISTER.

Under Item 1, the following committee on the teacher training course was appointed: Revs. W. A. Snyder, E. C. Cronk and John Hall.

Under Item 4 the following committee was appointed: Revs. H. A. McCullough, C. K. Bell, T. O. Keister, D. D., W. H. Riser and Geo. H. Cox, D. D.

On motion, it was ordered that the collections at our several night services be turned over to the Treasurer of this Synod, to be equally divided between the causes presented in the addresses.

The Committee on "Deaconess Work" presented its report. The report was received. Pending its consideration Synod adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Benediction by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1910, 3 P. M.

Synod was called to order, and opened with prayer by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

The report on Deaconess Work was taken up, and was adopted, with its recommendations:

Report on Deaconess Training Work in the United Synod.

Your committee appointed at Savannah "to take under advisement the whole work of Deaconess Training by the United Synod," would make the following report:

A meeting covering parts of two days was held in the Publication House in Columbia in the spring of 1909, at which all three members were present. The committee also held a joint meeting with a similar committee which was appointed by the South Carolina Synod. Pastor Weltner was called in for consultation at one of the meetings and gave the committee the benefit of his experience in the work and made a statement of what he had done and was doing in the training of deaconesses and Christian workers and in welfare work for the Olympia mill authorities. Miss Josephine Copeland, who had completed a two years' course under his care was provisionally ordained, December 24, 1908, and accepted a position as matron at the Orphan Home, Salem, Va., where she rendered faithful service for almost a year, when her health compelled her to give up the position. Since the beginning of the present year she has been doing welfare work in the Richland mills, Columbia. She is desirous of remaining in the office of deaconess and of continuing her studies in her chosen calling. Two young ladies were at

the time under training to become Christian workers. The committee visited the home that had been opened and fitted out for their occupancy and it was much pleased with the arrangements made and the interest manifested by the young ladies. The committee attended the sessions of two night schools carried on in the Olympia and Richland mill districts and was impressed with the usefulness and importance of this work. These schools while not a part of the Inner Mission work conducted by Doctor Weltner, are nevertheless an object lesson to the Church and fairly represent to us what the Church might do in many districts if she were equipped to do Inner Mission work.

After spending a year under the training of Dr. Weltner, the two young ladies entered upon other fields of labor and preparation. Miss Gertrude Simpson accepted a call as Field Secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the South Carolina Synod. Miss Mary Louise Bowers entered the Hospital at Easton, Pa., to take a year's course in nursing. She is desirous of entering the Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse of Deaconesses, Philadelphia, Pa., to become a deaconess to be ordained by the United Synod for parish work in the South.

On account of the difficulty in finding fields of labor for the deaconesses and Christian workers in the congregations of the United Synod, Dr. Weltner has not continued his training school at Columbia. His judgment is that the work needs further cultivation among our people that fields be found for those who have been trained for this special form of Christian activity.

The conclusion of the committee is that before the Deaconess work can be successfully established in the Lutheran Church of the Southland, at least three problems must be solved, which in the judgment of your committee will require much time for consideration: First, Does the character of the work in the United Synod of the South demand regular Lutheran Deaconesses, or simply Christian workers, male and female? Second, Can the work of Inner Missions be carried on continuously without some established center of Inner Mission activities, like a hospice, an orphanage, or a hospital? Third, Has the United Synod a sufficiently large contingency, and congregations strong enough in membership, to make the introduction of the female diaconate, or of a system of Christian workers, possible and successful, both in respect to support and also in respect to field of labor?

Your committee, while realizing that it can present but a very imperfect report, but impressed with the future possibilities of this great force of the Lutheran Church, respectfully recommend the appointment of a committee of Inner Missions to

watch the development of the work within the Lutheran Church in our land, to study the needs of the United Synod in respect to Inner Mission possibilities, to direct the training of such of our young women as consecrate themselves to works of mercy, and to report to each convention of the United Synod all matters that are of interest to the Synod and that call for its action.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. FINCK,
W. P. CLINE,
JAS. D. KINARD,
Committee.

Committee on Deaconess Work.—Revs. W. J. Finck, W. P. Cline, and Jas. D. Kinard.

The report on Common Book of Worship was presented, received, and considered by items. The subject matter of items two and three was referred to the following auditing committee: Messrs. H. L. Bonham, J. E. Cooper, and A. G. Wise.

The recommendation of item four was sustained. The amount named in item five, expenses of committee, was ordered paid by our Treasurer, and the report was adopted:

Report of Committee on Common Book of Worship.

Your committee begs leave to offer the following report:

In accordance with the action of the United Synod (cf. Minutes 1908, p. 76) the business transactions connected with the publication and sale of the Book of Worship have been conducted by the Board of Publication. The transfer of this business was made according to the following agreement, which, however, did not go into effect until after the date mentioned therein owing to a delay in obtaining the signature of the president of the Board of Publication:

TERMS OF TRANSFER.

In effecting the transfer of business relating to the sale and distribution of the Book of Worship from the hands of the committee on Common Book of Worship to the Board of Publication of the United Synod, the following is mutually agreed upon:

1. That on and after January 1, 1909, all contracts for printing, binding and handling the Book of Worship shall be made by the Board of Publication.

2. That all contracts made by the Committee on Common Book of Worship and in force on the above date shall be turned over

to the Board of Publication and shall be completed by said Board.

3. That present prices of Book of Worship, also present styles of binding, paper, etc., shall be maintained, and that any proposed variation therefrom shall be submitted to the committee on Common Book of Worship.

(Signed)

M. G. G. SCHERER,
Chairman Committee on Common Book of Worship.
W. P. CLINE,
President Lutheran Publication Board.

December 16, 1908.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of the Book of Worship.

RECEIPTS.

1908.			
Sept.	1.	To balance in hand	$ 60.35
Sept.	8.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	49.17
Sept.	14.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	54.67
Oct.	15.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	41.79
Oct.	26.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	77.51
Nov.	4.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	61.29
Dec.	23.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	101.13
Dec.	31.	To check United Synod Publishing Company	8.73
Total			$454.64

DISBURSEMENTS.

1908.			
Sept.	16.	By draft C. B. Opp, Manager	$163.79
Sept.	16.	By exchange	.40
Nov.	10.	By draft C. B. Opp, Manager	180.14
Nov.	10.	By exchange	.45
1909.			
Jan.	8.	By Draft C. B. Opp. Manager	109.66
Jan.	8.	By exchange	.20
			$454.64

ITEM THREE.

On January 9, 1909, there was a balance of $143.47 due the General Council Publication House by your committee, which balance, as is shown by the following letter, was transferred to the account of the Board of Publication of the United Synod:

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Charleston, S. C.

Reverend and Dear Doctor: In accordance with your letter of the 8th instant, inclosing check, for which accept thanks, we have transferred the balance of the bill herewith to the account of the Board of Publication of the United Synod, South.

With best wishes for a prosperous and happy Near Year, I am

Very respectfully,

CHAS. B. OPP, Manager,

Per G.

The Board of Publication has furnished us no statement of sales of the Book of Worship. We are not able therefore to make any report as to this matter.

MUSIC EDITION OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

In pursuance of the instruction of the United Synod (see Minutes 1908, page 76) your committee, together with the auxiliary committee, promptly began the work of preparing a music edition of the Book of Worship. The two committees met at Columbia, S. C., February 2, 1909, the following ministers being present: Revs. A. G. Voigt, M. G. G. Scherer, W. A. Snyder, E. C. Cronk, and Mr. P. C. Price. A joint committee was organized by the election of Rev. M. G. G. Scherer as chairman and Rev. W. A. Snyder as secretary. The Rev. C. Armand Miller, who was present upon invitation, was made an advisory member.

Other meetings were held at Charleston (May 11, 1909) and at Florence (Sept. 22, 1909). At each meeting of the committee much work was done by way of selecting tunes and musical settings and arranging details for the publication of the book. Also in the intervals between the meetings the several members were occupied with work specially assigned to them. Particualr men tion should be made of the services of Revs. W. A. Snyder and E. C. Cronk, upon whom fell by far the larger and more responsible part of the work. The valuable assistance of Dr. Miller was also highly appreciated by the committee.

When the joint committee had well nigh finished the task of preparing the manuscript for the press it was suddenly faced with a very important and far-reaching problem requiring the most careful consideration, and, from any point of view, imposing upon the committee a very great responsibility. This problem arose out of information received at Florence to the effect that the General Council, at its meeting in Minneapolis, in September, 1909, had adopted a series of resolutions looking to the preparation of an "English Service and Hymn Book which may be printed from the same original" for use by all the bodies that

united in the preparation of the Common Service. This action contemplates a book for the several general bodies, having the same hymns and hymn-tunes, and also the same musical settings for the parts of the Common Service; and the representatives of the United Synod in the Joint Committee on Common Service are invited to cooperate in this work. For obvious reasons such a book seemed greatly to be desired. Therefore, while recognizing the urgent need of a Book of Worship with music for use in our churches, the committee thought best not to proceed at once to the publication of our book which was very nearly ready almost a year ago for the printers, but to hold the matter in abeyance until this meeting of the United Synod.

In the meantime the Church Book Committee of the General Council has been working industriously to carry out the instructions of the Council. Much work has been done preliminary to a meeting of the Joint Committee of the general bodies, and we have assurances that the Joint Committee will be called together not later than some date in November of this year.

We recommend, therefore, that the publication of the music edition of the book in use by us be deferred at least until the next meeting of the United Synod.

ITEM FIVE.

The following expenses were incurred in connection with the work on music edition: Rev. A. G. Voigt, $10.68; Rev. W. A. Snyder, $38.00; Rev. E. C. Cronk, $21.70; Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, $9.80. On September 30, 1909, we received a check from Mr. C P. Price for $25.00 and one for a like amount from Mr. G. C. Hine, with instructions that the money be used in part payment of the expenses of the clerical members of the committee employed upon the music edition of the Book of Worship. Thirty-five dollars ($35.00) of this money was paid to the Rev. W. A. Snyder and fifteen dollars to the Rev. E. C. Cronk. Balance due the several members of the committee are as follows: Rev. W. A. Snyder, $3.00; Rev. E. C. Cronk, $6.70; Rev. A. G. Voigt, $10.68; Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, $9.80; total, $30.18. The lay members of the auxiliary committee have presented no bills of expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
A. G. VOIGT.
L. A. FOX.

Auditing Committee's Report on Account of Common Book.

The committee to audit the financial statement in the report of the committee on the Common Book of Worship reports that it has compared the statement with the vouchers submitted and find it correct.

H. L. BONHAM.
J. E. COOPER.
A. G. WISE.

On motion, Revs. J. E. Shenk, W. H. Riser, and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer were constituted a committee to nominate Committee on Common Book of Worship, and the committee was increased from three to six members.

The following were nominated and elected: Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., W. A. Snyder, A. G. Voigt, D. D., E. C. Cronk, L. A. Fox, D. D., and C. Armand Miller, D. D.

Rev. T. O. Keister, D. D., submitted the Report of the Committee on the Board of Publication, which was considered by items, and adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Publication.

Your committee begs leave to present the following report:

The paper placed in our hands is an extended account of the acts of the Board of Publication. Your committee rejoices in the developments that have been realized in the equipment of the Publication House for the carrying on of a larger and more profitable business, and we believe that in the years to come the wisdom of the management will be fully attested to the eminent satisfaction of the whole Church.

From a conservative business standpoint we regard the Synod's investment in the Publication property as a safe and desirable one.

The financial credit of the Publication House in the city of Columbia should be a cause of gratification to us all, and is a valuable asset.

Especilly do we desire to commend the efficient conduct of the publications of the Board, the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, and to express our gratification at the steady and increasing circulation of these papers through the energetic efforts of the management. A most valuable service also do we regard

the sale of many useful books through the system of colportage put into operation during the past summer.

We note that in accordance with the instructions of the United Synod (Minutes of 1908, page 61) the Board has secured a charter, and that the property has been legally transferred to the Board of Publication of the United Synod, to be held in trust for this body. As neither the charter nor the title to the property has been placed in the hands of your committee, we are not in possession of the data necessary to enable us to recommend the approval or disapproval of these instruments.

1. We recommend that the United Synod approve the action of the Board in purchasing additional ground, in the erection of the additional building, and in the purchase and installation of the printing plant.

2. That the Synod request the Board to present in its biennial report a clear and concise summary of the receipts and expenditures of the various departments of the Board's work.

3. That the Synod approve the second recommendation of the Board.

4. That the United Synod commends the Publication cause to our people and urges that an annual offering be taken in our congregations for the liquidation of the present indebtedness.

5. That the charter of the Board be printed in our Minutes.

6. That said Board be constituted as follows: Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D., Rev. W. P. Cline, Hon. D. F. Efird, Dr. E. J. Etheredge, P C. Price, Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., Rev. E. J. Sox.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. KEISTER,
A. G. JOHNSON,
V. Y. BOOZER,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
D. N. AKARD,
GEO. S. BOWERS,
C. M. EFIRD.

Report of Board of Publication.

The Board of Publication, as constituted at the last meeting of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, met in the town of Prosperity, S. C., on November 4, 1908, and was organized by the election of the following officers: Rev. W. P. Cline, President; Dr. W. H. Greever, Secretary and Treasurer; P. C. Price, Special Treasurer of Property Fund. At this meeting the office and work of W. P. Houseal was designated as that of Associate Editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor.*

The Board immediately after its organization entered upon the important work submitted to its charge.

The work of the Board since its organization has been largely constructive. Through the energetic efforts of the manager, Dr. W. H. Greever, the Board has cautiously and judiciously carried on the work of the Publication Cause. Realizing that the publishing business was to a large extent a new enterprise among our people in the Lutheran Church, the Board has steadily kept in view the educational feature of the work. It felt that the first step toward the permanent success of our Cause would be to educate our laymen to the extent wherein they could form a fair comprehension of the importance of the work. Along this line the Board is gratified at the interest that has been aroused in this enterprise throughout the bounds of the Church, and has no doubt as to the ultimate success of the work.

CHARTER AND TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.

In pursuance of the instructions given by this body at its meeting in Savannah, Ga., on October 6, 1908, the Board of Publication at its first meeting on November 4, 1908, took the necessary action to secure a charter. On January 7, 1909, the Board was duly chartered and incorporated by the Secretary of State of South Carolina. After securing the charter all the property held by the Publishing Committee of the Synod, or held in trust for said publishing committee, was duly and legally transferred to the Board of Publication, to be held in trust for the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South. A copy of said charter is herewith submitted.

PURCHASE OF SUMTER STREET PROPERTY.

In order to secure the future development of the Publication Cause, the Board deemed it advisable to purchase the property immediately in the rear of the Publication building facing on Sumter street, known in connection with our plant as the "Sumter street property." The property consists of a lot 42 feet by 208 feet on which is located a residence of seven rooms. The purchasing price of this property was $7,317.19, a special contribution of $500 by several parties was applied to this purchase.

NEGOTIATIONS OF LOANS.

The following loans were negotiated by the Board at 6 per cent. interest in order to take up other outstanding loans, previously negotiated at a higher rate of interest, covering the entire indebtedness on the property:

To the Virginia Life Insurance Company.. .. ..$25,000.00
Private parties in Columbia.. .. .. 5,771.21
Private parties in Virginia.. .. .. 10,000.00

These loans were negotiated in accordance with the previous instruction of the United Synod, viz: being secured by mortgages on the real estate itself, without involving the United Synod in financial obligations.

NEW BUILDINGS.

As is elsewhere more fully set forth, the Board, through the Manager, secured funds sufficient for the installation of our own printing plant. After mature consideration of conditions which made it clear that to place machinery in the main building would inevitably decrease the income from rentals, and in view of future development, the Board deemed it advisable to erect a new and separate building on the rear end of the Sumter street lot, connected by stairway and walk with the Main street building, a new building especially for the printing plant. The building was completed about the first of July, 1910. It is 90 feet long by 33 feet wide, brick walls, mill construction, with wood floor laid on a six inch concrete base. The cost of this building, together with certain modifications of our adjoining buildings, was $3,841.78. Toward this the Sunday-schools of the United Synod have contributed $294.54. No better or more sanitary printing house can be found in the South, is the verdict of men who travel all over our territory.

PUBLICATION SECRETARY.

Rev. E. C. Cronk, who has been employed by the Publishing Committee as Publication Secretary, was retained by the Board of Publication after its organization. Rev. Cronk continued his work for the Board until December, 1909, at which time he resigned as Publication Secretary, but was retained under the title of Field Secretary, at a reduced salary, having accepted the position of Secretary of the Laymen's Movement, which work he carried on in connection with the duties of Field Secretary of the Board of Publication. Early in this year the Laymen's Missionary Movement desired his whole time. He offered his resignation to the Board and it was accepted.

The current business of the Board is reviewed in the reports of the Manager and Treasurer, which is submitted to and adopted by the Board at its meeting September 2, 1910. These reports are herewith submitted as a part of this report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Money received from loans, Mar. 5, 1909-Aug. 31, 1910	$33,500.00
Money received by Donations	527.80
Money received by Donation for Sumter St. Property	500.00
Money received for rent	194.33
Money received, Donations and rent, May 1, 1908-August 21, 1910	17,416.71
Total receipts, May 1, 1908, to August 31, 1910	$52,138.84
Indebtedness, May 1, 1908	$35,427.21
Total receipts, May 1, 1908-August 31, 1910	52,138.84
Received on note to P. C. Price	5,771.21
	$93,337.26
Total Disbursements, May 1, 1908-Aug. 31, 1910	51,966.05
Total Indebtedness, Aug. 31, 1910	$41,966.05
Cash in Bank	978.72
Note to Virginia Life Insurance Company	$25,000.00
Note to private parties in Virginia	10,000.00
Note to P. C. Price, Treasurer	5,771.21
Note to J. S. Kleckley	600.00
	$41,371.21

P. C. PRICE,
Treasurer Property Fund.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

Conservative and disinterested parties, independent of each other, have estimated the value of the whole plant at $100,000.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER.

To the Lutheran Board of Publication:

The business you have committed to my care has been conducted, during the period since your organization and my election, in strict accordance with your official instructions. No step of importance in any department of the business has been taken without your approval and authority. The items which it seems proper for me to make report upon at this time are as follows:

No new publications in this department have been undertaken. Our periodical publications are, *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*.

LUTHERAN CHURCH VISITOR.

The editorial work on this paper has been done with the whole Church in mind, past, present and future, as represented in the individual members, families, congregations, conferences, synods, committees, boards and institutions. The ideal has been striven for but has not been approached.

The circulation of the *Visitor* has been materially increased since our report to the United Synod for September 1, 1908. On that date the circulation of the *Visitor* was 4,138. On September 1, 1910, the circulation was 5,200. The strict observance of the Postoffice Department has continuously removed names from our mailing list, but at the same time it has decreased losses on account of delinquents, and in every respect the circulation is in the most healthy condition in our history. The increase in circulation was brought about chiefly through special canvasses of 1909 and 1910. In spite of these improvements, however, the *Visitor* is far from self-supporting. It has never been self-supporting, though it has been published with as strict economy as could be practiced. It is believed that through our own printing plant this condition will be remedied.

We have given close attention to the mechanical make-up of the paper, and with our own printing plant we expect to make considerable improvements in the paper in this respect.

TIDINGS.

The editorial work on *Tidings* has been done faithfully and efficiently by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. The influence of the paper has grown, and it has become a very important factor in the development of the activities of the Church, especially among the young people.

According to your instructions the subscription price was increased to 15 cents per copy in clubs of ten or more in order to bring the paper to self-support. It is expected that the deficit at which the paper has been published, heretofore, may now cease to exist, as we shall be able to save, through our own printing plant, upon the cost of production.

The circulation of *Tidings* on September 1, 1908, was 5,709. On the first of September, 1910, it was 6,201.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

There has been a steady growth in the business with our Sunday-schools. We now have practically all of the business of furnishing literature and other supplies to the Sunday-schools of the United Synod. This business has necessitated special cultivation and has caused considerable expense in its development. The very cultivation of our legitimate patrons, however, has revealed a condition to us which deserves the official attention of the United Synod. Not having produced, adapted or adopted any system of lessons and helps for our own schools, there is a growing non-uniformity among them in this respect, which complicates not only the business side of the work but also prevents the kind of work that ought to be done in our Sunday-schools. We would suggest the advisability of a recommendation to the United Synod asking for the appointment of a committee to consult with the Sunday-school Committee or Board of the other English-speaking Lutheran bodies with reference to the preparation of a Common Sunday-school literature for English-Lutheran Sunday-schools.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

The Book of Worship.

Soon after the last meeting of the United Synod the publication of the Book of Worship was turned over to us by the Common Service Committee. Since that time we have sold books amounting to $2,661.41. It is for this Board and that Committee to decide what payment of royalties is due the United Synod As your minutes show the publication of the music edition of the present Book of Worship has been suspended, pending instructions from the United Synod, owing to the prospect of the final revision of the book by the Joint Committee from the General Synod, General Council and United Synod, and the joint publication of a music edition of the Common Hymnal. On account of the prospect of early action in that direction we have not ordered new supplies of the present Book of Worship, and the supply of the half leather binding is exhausted. We ask for instructions upon this matter.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The last year and a half has witnessed the publication of several books and pamphlets with the imprint of our Board upon them. Following are the titles:

Japan for Christ.—By Dr. C. L. Brown. The financial respon-

sibility of the book was assumed by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Great Epochs in Church History, a reprint in pamphlet form of the special articles in the Reformation Number of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, 1909.

Five Needs in the Lutheran Church in America. By W. H. Greever. Published by request, the financial responsibility being assumed by the author.

A Message of Love, a translation of Luther's letter to his father, who seemed near to death. By Dr. A. G. Voigt.

Scripture Lessons for the Year. Compiled by W. H. Greever, and published at his expense.

United Synod Folder, a vest pocket manual containing condensed information concerning the United Synod, including a list of names and addresses of all of the United Synod Ministers.

Hymnal for Sunday-Schools. Compiled and edited by Rev. E. C. Cronk. Just issued from the press, the compiler assuming partial financial responsibility for the same.

Way of the Cross. A special edition of this popular book, by Dr. C. Armand Miller.

In addition to the above we have brought out a number of leaflets and pamphlets for the Foreign Mission Board and for the Woman's Missionary Societies.

DISTRIBUTION OF GOOD BOOKS.

Special attention has been given to the circulation of good Lutheran books during the last biennium, and marked success has attended our efforts. Due credit should be given to Rev. E. C. Cronk for the work which he did in this department, as well as in the circulation of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, and the increase in the purchase of Sunday-school literature through our Board during his occupancy of the office of Publication Secretary. The opening of a small bookstore in our own building has helped in this work. The most aggressive and the most fruitful effort in this department has been that of this summer of 1910, through our colporteurs. Ten young college men were employed to begin work about the middle of June and to continue for three months. These young men have succeeded in holding the circulation of the *Visitor* up to the point gained by the special canvass in the summer of 1909, and have shown samples of upwards of fifty good Lutheran books to our

people throughout the United Synod territory, taking orders as follows:

Bibles and Testaments.. 211
The Twentieth Century New Testament.. 22
Primer of Lutheranism.. 110
Mode of Baptism.. 64
Luther's Catechism for the Young.. 323
Luther's Catechism (Explained).. 34
Luther's Catechism (Explained with Bible Texts).. 12
Luther's Large Catechism.. 61
Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church.. 193
New Testament Conversions.. 31
The Way Made Plain.. 225
Elements of Religion.. 19
Distinctive Doctrines.. 145
Baptism (Whitteker).. 148
Conservative Reformation.. 22
Great Epochs in Church History.. 48
Life of Luther for Young (Illustrated).. 193
Schoenberg Cotta Family.. 301
Lutheran Handbook Series.. 39
Life of Melanchton.. 5
Life of Luther (Wackernagle).. 49
Life of Luther (Jacobs).. 43
Four Princes.. 30
Church History of the People.. 76
Lutheran Movement in England.. 11
Proceedings of Second and Third General Conference of Lutherans.. 4
The Golden Altar.. 13
The Way of the Cross.. 121
Scripture Lessons for the Year.. 9
The Perfect Prayer.. 74
Stark's Prayer-Book.. 149
Prince of the House of David.. 81
Pilgrim's Progress.. 45
Luther's Table Talk.. 5
True Christianity.. 10
Sacred Meditations.. 2
Heavenward.. 4
Lutheran Foreign Missions.. 22
Japan for Christ.. 96
Mission Studies.. 16

History of Lutheran Missions	5
Christian Missions in Early Times	16
Men and Missions	24
Life and Labors of Schwartz	15
Bible Questions and Answers	95
Five Needs in the Lutheran Church	40
Handbook for the Catechist	7
Explanation of Common Service	33
Life and Letters of Passavant	6
Lutheran Encyclopedia	36
Ideal Ministry	5
Lutheran Teacher Training Series	32
Colony of Mercy	13
The Lutheran Catechist	10
How to Make Marriage a Success	11
Portrait of Luther	4
Worth While Series	24
Message of Love	38
Quiet Talks With Earnest People	7
Pastoral Theology	1
Rational Test	1
Forget-Me-Not	7
Quiet Hints to Growing Preachers	1
Webster's Dictionary	14
Separated Life	6
Sacred Meditations	3
Total	3,560

In addition to the sale of these books our colporteurs have taken 385 new subscriptions to the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and collected for many renewals.

The educational value of this work is inestimable. It now appears that this venture will just about meet its own expenses, several of the young men still being in the field. An abbreviated catalogue of the best Lutheran books for our people has been sent out to fully half of the homes in the United Synod.

THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

On August 31, 1909, the Board passed a resolution declaring that it was the sense of the Board that a printing plant should be installed as soon as practicable. On October 22, 1909, I was appointed a committee of one to prosecute a canvass for $10,000 for the purpose of installing a printing plant. On February 10,

1910, the committee reported that $11,500 had been subscribed for that purpose, and the Board authorized the erection of a suitable building and the purchase of the plant. On August 1st the printing plant was ready for work, and the issue of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for August 18th came from our own press. All of our own work is now done in our own printing house, and we have a plant that has no superior in the South, equipped for all kinds of printing (except bad). We have the contract for the printing of the United Synod minutes.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

Much attention has been given recently to the organization of our office force, the study of best methods in bookkeeping as applied to our lines, and to the equipment of the office so as to make the best, most economical work possible. We have inaugurated the card system for the keeping of accounts on the *Visitor* and with three-cross checking of these accounts we have almost eliminated all complaints about incorrect credits. This care is extended to all departments and our aim is prompt, courteous and accurate service.

(CHARTER).

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, W. H. Greever and P. C. Price, both of Columbia, S. C., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise and manage the office of the Lutheran Board of Publication, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State, a written declaration, setting forth: That at a meeting of the aforesaid organization, held pursuant to the by-laws and regulations of the said organization, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation. That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common, for a religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State*, a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid declaration would be filed;

And, whereas, that said declarants and petitioners further de-

clare and affirm: First, Their names and residences are as above given; Second, The name of the proposed corporation is Lutheran Board of Publication; Third, The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters, or to be located, is Columbia, S. C.; Fourth, The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to buy, or lease, or own, edit, print and publish and distribute religious newspapers, periodicals, books and literature of all kinds; manufacture, buy and sell all kinds of church and Sunday school supplies; act as agent for the distribuiton, selling or handling of advertisements, newspapers, books, tracts and literature; buy, sell, own and mortgage real estate, and all other kinds of property; Fifth, The names and residences of all managers, trustees, directors or other officers are as follows: W. P. Cline, President; W. H. Greever, Secretary and Treasurer; Sixth, That they desire to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities, authorized by the said Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and acts amendatory thereto.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, this 7th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, (Seal.) nine hundred and nine, in the one hundred and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

R. M. McCOWN,
Secretary of State.

Recorded March 23, 1909.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS.

The report of Mr. P. C. Price, as Treasurer of the Property Fund, will show the status of that department of our work, including purchases, improvements, income, expenses and indebtedness. The fact that we have increased our property investment by over $22,000 since the last meeting of the United Synod, in a way to make the property more productive in every respect, without increasing the indebtedness by more than $10,000, is noteworthy. Especially is this so when we remember that the property has had to carry its own indebtedness, paying interest, taxes, insurance, incidental expenses, and at the same time provide for the annual deficit occasioned by the publication of the *Visitor* and *Tidings*, neither of which has ever been self-

supporting. With the property in the condition in which we now find it, and with our own printing plant, there seems to be no doubt that all deficits will be wiped out and that a liquidation fund will be provided which will meet our indebtedness.

Notwithstanding the fact that the above is true it would still not appear to be wise for the United Synod to depend solely upon this method for the liquidation of this indebtedness for two reasons: First, the usefulness of the Cause should not be impaired by handicapping it to that extent, and, second, it would be a blessing to the people to give them continuous opportunity to contribute directly to this Cause which is so vitally related to every other Cause of the Church. I, therefore, suggest the advisability of asking the United Synod to recommend to congregations and Sunday-schools the propriety of an annual offering for the Publication Cause, to be taken at such time and in such way as the United Synod may designate.

W. H. GREEVER,
Manager.

The status of the Board's finances in its current business is exhibited in the following summary from the report of the Treasurer:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD.

September 1, 1909.

ASSETS.

Merchandise	$ 711.81
Furniture and Fixtures	841.76
Profit and Loss	411.23
P. C. Price, Treasurer	65.71
Editorial Library	76.47
W. P. Houseal	14.00
Customers' Accounts	1,685.52
Cash	124.99
Job Work	99.39
Insurance	33.50
Writer Press	204.80
	$4,269.18

LIABILITIES.

Hymnal	$ 515.93
Charts	266.70
E. C. Cronk, Salary Account	7.50
Rent	700.00
Creditors' account	2,061.68

Japan for Christ	27.67
Bills Payable	625.00
Traveling Expenses	60.00
Morning Service	4.70
	$4,269.18

August 1, 1910.

ASSETS.

Merchandise	$ 918.90
Insurance	67.00
Furniture and Fixtures	774.77
Profit and Loss	2,494.73
P. C. Price, Treasurer	111.71
Job Work	92.31
Writer Press	164,18
Editorial Library	125.97
Sunday-school Hymnal	1.13
W. P. Houseal	3.15
Customers' Accounts	1,715.92
Cash on Hand	493.73
Property Fund	69.52
Consignment	31.01
	$7,064.03

LIABILITIES.

Bills Payable	$3,000.00
Hymnal	551.94
Charts	266.70
Morning Service	54.17
Japan for Christ	27.92
Creditors' Accounts	3,148.95
Scripture Lessons	14.35
	$7,064.03

W. H. GREEVER, Treasurer.

The following resolutions were passed by the Board at its last meeting:

1. *Resolved,* That the reports to the Board made by the Treasurer and the Manager be incorporated in the report of the Board to the United Synod.

2. *Resolved,* That this Board, in its request to the United Synod, shall give expression of its confidence in the zeal, wisdom

and consecration of the Manager, Rev. W. H. Greever, and of its hearty appreciation of the great service that he is unselfishly rendering to the Church.

The Board of Publication makes the following

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the United Synod approve the actions of this Board.
2. That the United Synod appoint a committee to confer with similar committees or boards of other Lutheran Bodies with a view to preparing a series of Common Sunday-school lessons and helps for the use of Lutheran Sunday-schools.
3. That the United Synod recommend to its congregations and Sunday-schools that one offering be made annually in such manner and at such time as the United Synod may designate for the benefit of the Publication Cause of the United Synod, the proceeds from such offering to be applied by the Board of Publication as it deems best.

W. P. CLINE, President.

The Committee on Sunday School Hymnal reported. Report was adopted:

Report of Committee on Sunday School Hymnal.

Your committee has examined the Hymnal for the Sunday School, edited by Rev. E. C. Cronk. It contains opening and closing services based on the Matin Service, 12 Psalms and canticles, about 200 hymns set to 219 tunes, and copious indexes. The music for the service is simple and dignified. Most of the hymns are standard, singable tunes. There is also an intermingling of a judicious selection of songs and tunes of the character generally sung in Sunday schools, and also a good selection of songs adapted to the small children. The book commends itself to our favorable judgment. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the United Synod approve the "Hymnal for the Sunday School" and recommend its use by the Sunday schools within its bounds.

A. G. VOIGT,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
CHAS. K. BELL,
Committee.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee to Audit Treasurer's Account.

To the President and Members of United Synod:

Brethren: Your committee appointed to audit Treasurer's accounts respectfully report that they have carefully examined the report of C. H. Duls, Treasurer of the United Synod, and find the same to be correct, all disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers.

As to the special funds of the United Synod in the hands of the treasurer, we have to report that the "F. P. Cover fund" of $10,000 apparently is safely invested, and that the "Kate E. Drafts fund" of $5,000, and the "S. C. Swigert fund" of $2,000, are deposited in bank, according to agreement, the interest-bearing certificates of deposit being filed with the report.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. BOWMAN.
H. L. BONHAM.

The Committee on District Synods reported. Report adopted:

Report of Committee on District Synods.

Your committee has, from the minutes of the respective district synods, and from other reliable sources, gathered the following facts which show these bodies have made in the last biennium a steady and decided advance along all lines of Church work in keeping with our understanding of the Master's plan and instruction. Our faith is fixed in the simple word of God, hence it must be a simple yet all comprehending faith, starting out with the fact that the Triune God comes to fallen men in the sacrament of baptism, desiring to enter into an everlasting covenant with Him that He will save all those, who having been baptized, believe and trust in Him. This cardinal faith all the district synods have emphasized, with the result that last year 1,704 souls were added to the Church of Christ of such as are being saved. The next step in developing these into Christian soldiers, viz: catechising, has been carefully attended to by the respective district synods, and an increasing number of catechumens have been reported. Since Christ's commission to all pastors is, "Teach all things whatsoever I have commanded you,"

we are not left the privilege of teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. "Catechise a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," is our hope of the final result. This makes it possible for every baptized person to be admitted into communion relations with Christ. It is with great pleasure that we find the district synods working by the same rule and minding the same things. It is reasonable to expect of the district synods thus doing their duty, that they are ready for every good work. The Sunday school cause has received much attention in all the synods. Normal work is being introduced into the Sunday schools. The Lord's Supper has been regularly administered and has been participated in by 90 per cent. of the communicant members. This is commendable.

Fruitage—The Master says, "Every branch that beareth not fruit shall be cut off, and he that beareth fruit shall be purged." We note, with pleasure, that all the district synods have arranged for all the members to have part in this fruit bearing, beginning with the cradle roll, and embracing all the congregation, the children, the young people, the women and the men. Benevolence, based on Christ's command, "Love your neighbor as yourself," seems to be the watchword, and wonderful strides have been made by all the synods along this line The time has come for the United Synod to expect greater things from her district synods. Our people are honoring the Lord with their substance as never before. Each district synod has recorded large and timely gifts of benevolence. The forward movement of our women, in which they attempted to raise twenty thousand dollars, has resulted in their raising over this amount. The Laymen's Movement is developing into a strong help in the Lord's cause. Education is receiving increasing attention in all the district synods. The zeal of the cause of education has called out large and increasing liberality among our members and friends. This liberality has put our colleges and church schools on a safe financial basis, and has made it possible for all of them to enlarge their borders and strengthen their stakes until there is no longer any fear felt that the State schools will overshadow and crush out the church schools. Roanoke College finds her current expenses met and a surplus on hand. New and commodious buildings have been erected at great cost. Newberry College finds herself happy in new buildings and equipment and an increase of faculty, which enables her to do more and better work than hitherto. Lenoir College, the youngest of our colleges, is no longer behind her sister colleges, either in suitable

quarters, or in strength of faculty, or of patronage. Her opening, just held, is the fullest and happiest in her history.

By action of the North Carolina Synod, at her recent session, her educational interests may become consolidated with Lenoir College. This is much to be hoped for and to be prayed for.

Loyalty—We note with pleasure that each district synod, by resolution, has agreed to assume her full share of the obligations of the United Synod.

Respectfully, your committee,

W. A. LUTZ,
Z. W. BEDENBAUGH,
W. P. CLINE,
M. G. M. FISHER.

The Committee on Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on the Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Your committee on the report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home would report as follows:

1. We are pleased to note from the report of the President of the Corporation the continued growth of the Home and the improvements made during the last biennium, such as the fitting up of two infirmary rooms, the receiling of the dining room and lobby, and the repainting of the school rooms. It is especially gratifying that with the increasing number of children entering the Home, funds ample for their support have been available, showing the abiding interest of our people in this institution. At the same time we commend the administration for its economical conduct of the Home and its devotion to the children under its care.

2. We are gratified to learn of the two legacies to the home, the one by the Rev. W. S. McClanahan, of Virginia, the other by Mr. J. A. Efird, of North Carolina, and express the hope that there will be others who will be induced to follow their example.

3. We would call the attention of the Church to the fact that the children are not only cared for in body and mind but that their spiritual interests are carefully looked after as is evidenced by the confirmation of seven from the Home on last Palm Sunday.

4. We would nominate the following as members of the Corporation to fill classes 1911 and 1912:

Class 1911, L. A. Fox, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, R. C. Holland. Class 1912, A. L. Henkel, Paul Sieg, J. Frank Clemmer, J. H. Marsteller, I. V. Yonce. To fill vacancy in class 1915, G. S. Bowers, and vacancy in class 1913, Bruffy Strickler.

5. Since the report calls our attention to the fact that the Rev. W. S. McClanahan, founder of the Orphan Home, has been called to his reward, we suggest that we hereby place on record our appreciation of his inauguration of and continued interest in the work of the Home, and, as a further mark of our regard for his memory that this report be adopted by a rising vote.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
C. A. FREED,
J. A. CROMER,
JNO. F. FICKEN,
A. H. KOHN.

Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Since our last report to your body we have had two prosperous and pleasant years at your Orphan Home in Salem, Va. On the whole they have been the most satisfactory in its history. The number of children and the efficiency of the work have increased. Successful management of an institution, as large as ours has grown to be, comes only from experience and we have learned with the passing years how to make the minor details of its operation more effective. Superintendent Crabtree has been reelected at each annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. He has six very efficient assistants who are in the work simply because they are devoted to it. They are all the management could desire. The officers of the corporation, and ex-officio officers of the Board of Trustees, are L. A. Fox, President; A. M. Bowman, Vice President; R. W. Kime, Secretary, and Ivan V. Yonce, Treasurer. These officers constitute the executive committee, which meets regularly each month to audit all accounts, to order all payments, and transact all business which properly belongs to such a body. The average number of children at the home during the biennium has been 80. There are today 90. Of these the average for the two years is 45 girls and 30 boys. The girls are dismissed at 18 and the boys at 16 years of age. At the time of the last annual meeting of the Board we had 51 children from Virginia, 13 from North Carolina, 8 from West Virginia, 3 from Tennessee, 3 from South Carolina and 2 from Georgia.

We have made some repairs and improvements. The front balconies had become rotten and ugly and dangerous. New ones were put up at the expense of the Home. The dining room and lobby were receiled with beautiful metallic ceiling at the expense of some silent friend. The school rooms were repainted by some Salem friends. The spouting, which had become defective and injurious, was replaced by the Board. There are still other repairs needed and especially the repainting of the outside of the center building. Two infirmary rooms have been fitted up, one by the Sunday school of the Church of the Ascension in Savannah, and the other by Mr. Marsteller, of Roanoke. The Board, in obedience to the laws of Virginia, ordered a new fire escape which will cost $175.

The total receipts in cash for the year closing June, 1909, were $6,225.70, and the disbursements for all purposes were $5,552.23. For this year the treasurer reports: Receipts from former treasurer $762.37, cash $6,074.04. Total $6,836.55. Disbursements: Monthly expenses $5,312.48; on note for heating plant $400; interest and discounts $20.56. Cash on hand $920.41. The expenses for the year were therefore $5,906.04. The average current expense per month is about $442. During the past year the estimated value of gifts in food and clothing is $600. The cost per child per month is about $6.30. From our books we could easily give a minute detailed statement of our accounts but the synod has no time to hear it. During the last two years the Home was given a tract of mountain land valued at $1,500 by Rev. W. S. McClanahan, who was the founder of the Home. Mr. J. A. Efird, of Winston, N. C., left a legacy of $500, which will be devoted to the purchase of some lots that are contiguous to the Home and which will soon be needed for cottages. We will before very long be compelled to have more room. We do not need an endowment. Consecrated hearts in sympathy with destitute children is a sufficient endowment. But we need larger gifts by bequests and otherwise to erect new buildings for cottages and workshops. The debt on the heating plant—now about $1,800—is being reduced. An error slipped somehow into the published report of the Home two years ago about the funds on hand. Instead of $1,500 the fund was only $500. We are making personal appeals and we have had gratifying responses. We hope to pay off the debt within the next year.

On last Palm Sunday seven children were confirmed in College church. Just as from thousands of homes there go out some who are sad disappointments, so from the Orphan Home. But we have sent out many who have made very useful citizens and the number is increasing.

The persons nominated by the Synod to fill vacancies in the corporation have been elected. The members of the classes of 1911 and 1912 will expire before the next regular meeting of your body. Of 1915 Rev. S. L. Keller has resigned because of locating in Nebraska. Paul S. Davis, of 1913, has died. Their successors ought to be nominated during the present convention. For the sake of convenience and reference, we will give the entire list: L. A. Fox, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, R. C. Holland, A. L. Henkel, Paul Sieg, J. Frank Clemmer, J. H. Marsteller, I. V. Yonce, H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, L. G. M. Miller, J. P. Houtz, A. D. R. Hancher, C. B. Miller, J. P. Gose, F. V. N. Painter, A. M. Bowman, M. M. Kinard, L. L. Smith, S. L. Keller.

We would like to suggest that some suitable action be taken in regard to the death of him who laid the foundation of our work for orphans here in the South

L. A. FOX,
President of the Corporation.

The following, presented by Hon. C. M. Efird, was adopted:

Authority for, and How to Borrow Funds to Complete the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Central Executive Committee (which was appointed by the Joint Commission created by resolution adopted by the United Synod on October 8th, 1908) be hereby authorized to borrow whatever sums of money may be needed to pay for the erection and complete equipment of the main or administration building to be constructed near Columbia, S. C., for our Theological Seminary, and that said committee be further authorized to pledge as security for the same all notes taken for subscriptions to the building fund, as well as all such subscriptions and other securities available for the building fund, including our real estate in Mount Pleasant, S. C.; and that the notes and obligations for such loans shall be executed by the chairman of said Central Executive Committee and the treasurer of said building fund: Provided, That the amount so borrowed for the erection of the said building and its complete equipment, together with the cash contributions, shall not at any time exceed the principal sum of fifty thousand dollars.

The Committee on Theological Seminary reported on the "Report of the Board of Directors" as follows, which was adopted:

Report of Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, chosen at the last convention of the United Synod, organized promptly and elected the following named members as its officers, viz:

Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D., as President.
Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., as Vice-President.
John F. Ficken, as Secretary.
C. M. Efird, as Treasurer.

The attendance of students at the Seminary during the session of 1908-1909 comprised sixteen students in all, viz: five seniors, six middle class and five juniors. At the close of the session the five seniors received certificates of graduation. During the session the two regular professors were assisted by the gratuitous services of Rev. C. Armand Miller, D. D., Rev. W. A. C. Mueller, and Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., who lectured on special subjects.

At the session of 1909-1910 there were fourteen students in attendance, viz: six seniors, five middle classmen, and three juniors. The entire senior class, consisting of six students, received certificates of graduation at the close of the session. The regular professors were assisted during the session by the gratuitous services of Rev. C. Armand Miller, D. D., Rev. W. A. C. Mueller, and Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, who delivered at stated times special lectures.

The Board of Directors further report that owing to the uncertainty of the time of the proposed removal of the Seminary from Mount Pleasant, S. C., they have not deemed it prudent to exercise the power to make sale of the Seminary property heretofore vested in them by the United Synod. Had they endeavored to do so it is doubtful whether acceptable prices could have been obtained owing to the depression in the prices of real estate located in that vicinity.

The Board submits the following summary of the last annual report of the Treasurer, viz:

1909. *Investment Account.*

May 1.	To amount of corpus of invested fund.. ..	$32,225.62
	To cash from H. Thornburg..	5.00
Nov. 25.	To cash from estate C. L. Bachman..	25.00
1910.		
April 15.	Total corpus..	$32,255.62

		By amount of loans	31,103.70
		Balance	$ 1,151.92

1909. *Income Account.*

May	1.	To balance of income on hand	$ 763.54
		To income received by Treasurer during the year ending April 15, 1910	3,183.47
		Total	$ 3,947.01

1910.

		By cash paid out during current year	$ 3,800.18
April	15.	By balance of income on hand	146.83
			$ 3,947.01

The receipts from the invested funds being insufficient to meet the expenses we recommend the following annual synodical apportionment, viz:

North Carolina Synod	$133
Tennessee Synod	100
South Carolina Synod	143
Virginia Synod	120
Southwestern Virginia Synod	87
Georgia Synod	66
Holston Synod	17
Mississippi Synod	5

It affords us pleasure to report that since the last convention of the United Synod the Seminary has been made the grateful recipient of donations as follows, viz:

Mrs. S. C. Swigert of Forest, Miss., has by deed donated to the United Synod in trust for the Seminary two thousand dollars. By the terms of the deed this amount was placed on deposit in a bank in Forest, Miss., there to remain during the pleasure of Mrs. Swigert. The income therefrom is to be paid her during the term of her natural life and thereafter is to be applied to the education in our Seminary of students from the State of Mississippi, and failing such students, to those coming from other States. The deed is in the custody of the Treasurer of the United Synod.

Mrs. Kate E. Drafts, of Eastover, S. C., donated the sum of five thousand dollars for the permanent endowment fund of the Seminary in memory of her deceased husband, George Michael Drafts, who before his death had expressed the wish that a part

of his estate should be donated to our institution. This donation was received by the Dean and by him paid over to the Treasurer of the United Synod.

As this donation was intended for the use of the Seminary and is to form a part of its permanent endowment fund, the Board requests that the same with such interest as has accrued thereon be paid to the Treasurer of the Seminary to be held and disposed of in accordance with the terms of the gift.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILSON, President.

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

Your standing committee on Theological Seminary begs to submit the following:

1. The report of the Board of Directors furnishes evidence of the satisfactory condition of the institution, limitations and difficulties duly considered, the efficient work done by the faculty and the students, and the faithful and judicious management of the affairs of the Seminary on the part of the Board.

2. It is deemed proper that the Synod should express its appreciation of the valuable services gratuitously rendered by the several pastors mentioned in the report.

3. The committee notes with unfeigned pleasure that two substantial donations were received by the Board during the biennium and duly acknowledged in the report in hand. Sincerely grateful to the donors for their generous benefactions, we commend their examples to other holders of large possessions, praying that they also may realize that their wealth is God's and is only held by them in trust for His use.

4. We recommend that the district synods be requested to assume the apportionments as suggested in the report of the Board.

5. We recommend that the request made in the concluding paragraph of the report be granted. (See last paragraph of the preceding).

6. We recommend that the report of the Board of Directors be adopted as a whole.

7. The following are hereby nominated to constitute the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South for the ensuing biennium:

Clerical—R. C. Holland, D. D.; M. G. G. Scherer, D. D.; W. A.

Deaton, M. O. J. Kreps, J. H. Wilson, D. D., C. A. Freed, V. Y. Boozer.

Lay—J. F. Ficken, Esq., C. M. Efird, Esq., Geo. B. Cromer, Esq., J. A. Meetze, J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., J. E. Cooper, A. H. Kohn.

Respectfully,

M. J. EPTING,
J. HENRY HARMS,
W. A. SNYDER,
S. T. SHANK,
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

Nominees were elected.

The President of Synod asked, and obtained leave of absence after this evening's session.

Synod adjourned, with the benediction by the President.

At 8 p. m. Vesper services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., and Rev. T. W. Shealy made an address on Theological Seminary, and Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., on The Publication Cause. Closing services by Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1910, 9 A. M.

Synod was called to order, and devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Lutz.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions submitted their report. It was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We, the Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to report that we have received the following communications addressed to the United Synod:

1. Two requests, the one from the Virginia Synod and the other from the North Carolina Synod, both asking the United Synod to publish a music edition of the Book of Worship as speedily as possible. We recommend that this request be granted.

2. An invitation from the Young Men's Christian Association, of Richmond, Va., to this body to visit and enjoy the new building of this association. We recommend that the thanks of this body be extended to this association for such courtesy.

3. Two invitations, the one from the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., the other from St. Paul's, Columbia, S. C., each inviting the United Synod to hold its next biennial session in its church. To the former invitation are added three telegrams addressed to this body, the one from the Mayor of Atlanta; one from its President of the Chamber of Commerce, and one from the Federation of Trades, uniting in the invitation of the congregation. We recommend that the Synod now proceed to ballot on these two invitations and also that the time for the opening of the next meeting be fixed for the Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1912.

4. A petition from the First English Lutheran church of Richmond, Va., asking for financial aid in the sum of $10,000 to assist them in liquidating their debt of $28,000. We recommend that the United Synod commend this worthy cause to the favorable consideration of our District Synods, congregations and individuals.

5. A recommendation to the United Synod from the North Carolina Synod to prepare and adopt a United Synod official edition of Luther's Small Catechism, with explanatory questions and answers with proof texts. We recommend that it is impracticable to comply with this request.

Respecfully submitted,
R. A. YODER,
W. A. SNYDER,
S. P. KOON,
A. G. WISE,
M. L. RUDISILL.

Under Item 3, the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., was chosen as our next place of meeting. The time—Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1912, at 8 p. m.

The following report was adopted:

Report of Committee to Nominate Official Visitors to Other Lutheran General Bodies.

Your committee to nominate fraternal delegates to other Lutheran General Bodies would suggest:

That the official delegate to the next convention of the General Council be Rev. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., with Rev. S. S. Rahn, D. D., as alternate, and that the official delegate to the next

convention of the General Synod be Rev. C. A. Freed, with Rev. T. O. Kiester, D. D., as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. R. HANCHER,
M. O. J. KREPS,
PAUL SIEG.

The Report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The report of the Board of Home Missions shows careful consideration of the work entrusted to it, and much commendable work was done. Your committee having noted carefully the facts reported by the Board, recommend:

1. That the Board furnish a copy of the charter secured by the Board for publication in the Minutes of Synod.

2. With reference to the Olympia Mills, we suggest that the matter be left to the discretion of the Board after they have corresponded with the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Synod.

3. With reference to a request for instructions concerning the credit of the expenditure of local funds on local work, we recommend that local funds expended on local work shall not be accredited on United Synod apportionment.

4. With reference to the request of the Board for authority to employ a Field Secretary, we heartily agree, and recommend that the Board be instructed to employ a secretary at a salary to be fixed by the Board, whose duties shall be those usually incident to such office; and the Board be advised as soon as practicable to engage him as missionary pastor at some mission point.

5. We recommend the raising of $10,000 annually for Home Missions, and $5,000 annually for Church Extension, and that these amounts be apportioned to the churches.

6. In order to secure greater efficiency, and at the same time greater economy in the administration of the Home Mission work the Home Mission Board be composed of five members, so located that the meetings may be more frequent and at less expense.

7. That one corresponding member be appointed from each of the District Synods not represented on this Board, and that the President of the District Synod be such corresponding member.

8. We nominate as the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for our next biennium the following: Rev. Robt. L. Patterson, Rev. C. L. Miller, Judge B. B. Miller, Prof. Chas. E. Boger, Rev. V. Y. Boozer.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. McCULLOUGH,
L. A. FOX,
S. S. RAHN,
W. P. HUDDLE,
C. L. MILLER,
J. R. HOWORTH,
D. N. AKARD,
J. D. CAPPLEMANN.

Report of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as created, constituted and elected, at the last convention of the United Synod, which met in Savannah, Ga., October 7-10, 1908, met at the call of the chairman in Charlotte, N. C., December 30, 1908, and effected an organization by electing officers as follows:

President—Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., Lincolnton, N. C.

Secretary—Rev. W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va.

Treasurer—Mr. J. M. Rhodes, Lincolnton, N. C.

The following members were present: Revs. R. A. Yoder, D. D.; T. O. Keister, D. D., W. H. Riser, J. E. Shenk, T. W. Shealy, W. H. Roof, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

The officers of the Board, together with Revs. T. O. Keister and J. E. Shenk, constitute the executive committee of the Board.

During the month of March, 1909, the Board secured through Dr. Geo. B. Cromer a charter from the State of South Carolina. The charter title of the body is, "The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod." The treasurer, Mr. J. M. Rhodes, executed a bond to the Board in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500) and received from the Board of Missions and Church Extension, through the president of the Board of Home Missions, all funds, securities and other property belonging to the newly created Board of Home Missions.

The following committee appointed by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, viz: Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.,

Rev. W. A. Deaton and Mr. John A. Cline, made the transfer of property to this Board as follows:

Whereas, According to the action of the United Synod, at Savannah, Ga., in the creation of a special Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to transfer to the said Board of Home Missions and Church Extension that part of the assets held by the original Board of Missions and Church Extension which belongs to the Home Mission and Church Extension deparment. Therefore, we, the committee appointed to effect this transfer, do hereby transfer:

1. All the money now in the Home Mission treasury, this the 13th day of December, 1908, to wit, $287.92.

2. All the money in Church Extension treasury, to wit, $1,129.59

3. From Foreign Mission League, $417.30.

4. We also agree, on benalf of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, to turn over to the said Board of Home Missions and Church Extension whatever funds may come into the hands of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, which shall properly belong to the Home Mission and Church Extension department.

5. We agree also that the said Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall have access to the archives which have accumulated during the eighteen years past, and now held by us in the name of the original board.

6. All obligat.ons on behalf of Home Missions have been discharged for the year 1908.

Signed
ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
W. A. DEATON,
JOHN A. CLINE.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In addition to the above the following documents were received from the Board of Missions and Church Extension through the president, Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., namely:

1. Augsburg church, Winston, N. C. (a). Mortgage deed, original purchase of the Moravian Brethren, dated October 30, 1895, with receipts. (b). Mortgage to the Board of Missions, August 2, 1902. (c). Certain articles of agreement between the congregation and the Board of Missions.

2. Fitzgerald, Ga. (a). Warranty deed to lot and plat of the city of Fitzgerald. (b). Mortgage deed by the congregation to the Board of Missions and note for $250. (c). (There is a deed in the hands of Lawyer Shearouse, of Fitzgerald, Ga.)

3. Greeneville, Tenn. (a). Mortgage by congregation to Board of Missions for $300, money advanced by Board.

4. Morristown, Tenn. (a). Agreement with Messrs. VanHuss and release by them of claim of $500 against the property. (b). Certain pledges on salary by Greeneville and Morristown.

5. Knoxville, Tenn. (a). Mortgage deed by the congregation to the Board of Missions for $4,000.00, October 2nd, 1890. (b). Certain notes cancelled as paid of purchase price of lot and church.

6. Augusta, Ga. (a). Mortgage deed of Holy Trinity congregation to the Board of Missions, July 20, 1887, $2,500.00.

7. Richmond, Va. (a). Petition for and the decree of the court granting the right to sell the property on corner of Grace and Seventh streets, Richmond, Va. (b). Mortgage of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer on said property for $8,080 to Green and Allen, dated February 3rd, 1876. (c). Certain cancelled notes of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer covered by mortgage aforesaid. (d). Sundry papers of correspondence.

8. Pledge of St. Mark's to return loan of $200.00 on certain conditions. (Goodman, Miss.)

9. Spartanburg, S. C., Memorial church. (a). Bond of trustees for the return within five years from date thereof, to wit: January 20th, 1907, the sum of $500.00 loaned from the Church Extension fund.

10. Norfolk, Va. (a). Deed of mortgage for three thousand ($3,000.00) dollars, given by the congregation to the Board of Missions, August 31st, 1896. (b). The agreement upon which the mortgage above named was given.

11. Newport News, Va. (a). Mortgage deed to Dr. L. L. Smith for $4,000. (This deed is now held by the Board of Missions and Church Extension to secure the board for the balance paid by the Board to Dr. Smith of $2,059.04). (b). Agreement for the transfer of said mortgage to the Board of Missions, to secure the $2,059.04 on certain conditions. (c). The receipt of Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., in full of the balance of the $2,059.04 as paid him by the Board for the congregation.

12. Dr. Kunzmann and Alabama. (a). Proposition and correspondence. (General Council.)

13. Dr. Hartman in re Tenn. west of 86:30. (Correspondence.) (General Synod.)

14. Birmingham, Ala. (Correspondence.) *Important.*

Thus organized, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension entered upon its new duties. The missions as they had

been arranged by the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and the missionaries at the various points, and at the salaries formerly paid, were continued as far as possible, namely:

1. Bristol, Rev. K. Y. Umberger, salary.. .. ..$ 250.00
2. Pulaski-Radford, Rev. G. H. Rhodes.. .. .. 280.00
3. Bluefield-Graham, Rev. C. R. W. Kegley.. .. .. 320.00
4. Morristown-Greeneville, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D. 450.00
5. Olympia Mills, Rev. C. E. Weltner, D. D.. .. .. 200.00
6. Spartanburg, Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.. .. .. 120.00
7. Goodman Miss., Rev. J. L. Derrick.. .. .. 180.00
8. Louisville, Miss., Rev. J. L. Buck.. .. .. 180.00

Bristol.—The church at Bristol has been completed and is a beautiful, well arranged structure and sufficiently commodious for years to come. This mission has been vacant for several months through the resignation of Rev. K. Y. Umberger. Recently the Southwest Virginia Synod has called Rev. J. W. Link, who entered upon his work June 1st. The appropriation of $250 for this point is continuod.

Pulaski-Radford.—This mission asks no aid from the Board of Home Missions for the ensuing year. The Southwest Virginia Synod has placed a field missionary in charge of this work.

Bluefield-Graham.—This work, under the efficient services of Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, is progressing well and has a bright outlook.

Morristown-Greeneville.—On January 1st, 1910, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., resigned this work. The mission has been vacant since that time. Supply services have been rendered Morristown during this period by pastors of the Holston Synod. The Board stands ready to continue its support for this field whenever the executive committee of the Holston Synod calls and secures a man for this work. Negotiations are now in progress and no doubt the mission will soon be supplied.

Olympia Mills.—The efficient labors of Rev. C. E. Weltner have not been relaxed in this important work during the biennium. And it is with special pleasure that the Board records its hearty approval of this undertaking. The appropriation of $200.00 per annum is continued to December 31, 1910. The Board requests that it be relieved of this appropriation after that date.

Spartanburg.—This work under the self-denying labors of Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., is making itself felt in this important and growing city. The appropriation of $120.00 per annum is continued to December 31, 1910.

Goodman and Louisville, Mississippi.—These points became vacant during the past year by the resignation of Rev. J. L. Der-

rick at Goodman in September, 1909, and of Rev. J. L. Buck at Louisville in January, 1910. The Board is ready to aid the Mississippi Synod in the support of missionaries for these points whenever arrangements are made to call men and place them in the field.

THE NEW WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOARD.

Brunswick.—The Board upon the recommendation of the United Synod took up the work at this point and made an appropriation of $3,000.00 toward the erection of a house of worship. A splendid church has been completed and the work is progressing well under the care of Rev. S. L. Nease. The mission is under the supervision of the Georgia Synod. The Board has paid $2,000.00 of the $3,000.00 appropriated and owes the remaining $1,000.00 due in September, 1910. After the paying of this last amount the Board of Missions will be relieved of further financial obligations.

Greensboro.—Also at the recommendation of the United Synod the Board took up this point. Work here had been prosecuted for several years by the synodical missionary of the North Carolina Synod, Rev. J. L. Morgan, who had organized a congregation. On the 5th of April, 1910, the Board bought a large and well-located lot in Greensboro suitable for a church and parsonage for the sum of $4,000.00. There is a house occupied by the missionary on the property. The mission is under the supervision of the North Carolina Synod. Rev. J. E. Shenk was called to this point by the executive committee of the North Carolina Synod, the call being approved by the Board, and entered upon his work June 1st, 1910. The Board pays the salary of $900.00. $2,475.00 of the $4,000.00 obligation for the lot has been paid, leaving a balance due by notes secured by mortgage on the property of $1,525.00, the first payment of which is due October 8, 1910. All moneys raised by the congregation to be applied on church building fund.

Lenoir.—The Board made an appropriation of $2,000.00 toward the erection of a house of worship at this place. The building, a well arranged, commodious brick structure, is under way in the hands of contractors. It is hoped that the house will be completed this fall. This mission is under the supervision of the North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod. Rev. J. A. Yount is the pastor in charge of this work and is meeting with much encouragement. The amount appropriated for the church, $2,000.00, has been paid in full. The Board pays on the salary of the missionary at this point $400.00 per year.

Lexington.—An appropriation of $500.00 was made to help liquidate the debt on the church at this place. $100.00 has been paid, and $100 to be paid each year for four years on January 1st of each year.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE UNITED SYNOD.

The following items were unanimously acted upon by the Board to be presented to the United Synod for action:

1. The Board desires a ruling from the United Synod upon a question presented to it by three of the District Synods, to wit: Shall the Board of Home Missions credit to the District Synods on the United Synod apportionment for Home Missions, moneys expended by the District Synod on its own territory for Home Missions?

2. Your Board unanimously recommends that it be authorized to employ a field secretary and that the United Synod fix the amount of remuneration he shall receive.

3. We recommend that the Board be authorized to raise $7,500 annually for Home Missions, and $5,000.00 for Church Extension, and that these amounts be apportioned to the District Synods.

4. Your Board requests that it be made a binding regulation of the United Synod, that no missoinary in the Board's employ vacate his field for any length of time without the knowledge and consent of the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT, JAN. 14, 1909, TO SEPT. 1, 1910

J. M. Rhodes, Treasurer, in Account With Mission League Fund.

1909.			
Jan. 14.	To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D.	$	417.30
	To amt. from Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer.		332.52
		$	749.82
1910.			
Mch. 29	By amt. loaned Mission Fund	$	749.82
1909.	*Church Extension Fund.*		
Jan. 14.	To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D.	$	1,129.59
	To amt. from South Carolina Synod.		241.20
	To amt. from Georgia Synod.		140.56
	To amt. from Holston Synod		56.0)
	To amt. from F. P. Cover & Sons.		25.00
	To amt. from Hyler Bequest.		70.00
		$	1,662.38

CR.

	By amt. paid Jno. A. Cline, Treas., interest..	$ 360.00
	Balance loaned Mission Fund..	1,302.38
		$ 1,662.38

1909. HOME MISSION FUND.

Jan. 14.	To amt. from Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D.. .. ..$	287.91
	To amt. from Virginia Synod	1,809.25
	To amt. from Southwest Virginia Synod..	1,074.24
	To amt. from North Carolina Synod..	1,553.31
	To amt. from Tennessee Synod..	636.33
	To amt. from South Carolina Synod..	1,039.88
	To amt. from Holston Synod..	360.24
	To amt. from Georgia Synod..	1,654.46
	To amt. from Mississippi Synod..	88.49
	To amt. from F. P. Cover & Sons..	25.00
	To amt. borrowed from League Fund..	749.82
	To amt. borrowed from Church Ext. Fund..	1,302.38
		$10,581.31

CR.

	By amt. paid S. W. Virginia Synod missions..$	1,041.82
	By amt. paid North Carolina Synod Missions.	2,378.10
	By amt. paid Tennessee Synod Missions..	2,333,31
	By amt. paid South Carolina Synod Missions	558.30
	By amt. paid Holston Synod Missions..	474.95
	By amt. paid Georgia Synod Missions... ..	2,010.16
	By amt. paid Mississippi Synod Missions.. ..	342.50
	By amt. paid expenses Board meetings..	253.74
	By amt. paid for stationery..	50.15
	By amt. paid premium on bond....	20.00
	By amt. paid for charter..	8.50
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1910..		1,109.78
		$10,581.31

By action of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER, President.
W. H. RISER, Secretary.

Resolved, That by this action the United Synod puts on record its approval of a continuation of the appropriation of $200 to Olympia Mission, if in the judgment of the Board of Home Missions such appropriation can be properly made.

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be requested to devise some plan for the coordination of the Home Missionary Work as carried on by the United Synod and its various District Synods.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the charter of the Board be kept by the Treasurer of the Board.

The Committee on Report of the Board of Foreign Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

Your committee, after careful consideration of the clear and full report of the Board of Foreign Missions, would respectfully record its appreciation of the valuable statement of historic facts, the interesting record of important legal documents, and the stimulating presentation of progress and prospects in the work to which we are pledged in the Empire of Japan. We recommend:

1. That the United Synod approve the actions of the Board as presented in this report, and express its gratitude to them and its confidence in their wisdom and consecration to the work which they are conducting for us.

2. That the charter of the Board of Foreign Missions, and also that of the Mission in Japan be accepted.

3. That (3) be approved.

4. That (4) be approved.

5. That (5) be approved.

6. (a) That this United Synod extends most cordial welcome to the Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt as its missionary now on a visit to our churches, and more especially in the capacity of messenger from the conference in Japan, and that we have heard with interest, and have been deeply impressed by his presentation of the message he has come to bear before this convention.

(b). We commend him and his cause to the whole Church in the South, and that we urge our people to respond promptly and liberally to the call which comes from Japan for an additional $25,000 in order to place the Mission School in Kumamoto upon a present and adequate working basis.

(c). That in the gathering of this fund the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to direct the Rev. Mr. Stirewalt in as thorough a visitation of our churches to present the need and the opportunity as may be possible, and be authorized to use whatever other methods may be found necessary for the speedy completion of the fund.

(7). That we rejoice at what has already been accomplished in the direction of cooperation in evangelistic work, by the various Lutheran Boards now at work in Japan, and that we authorize our Board to continue negotiations upon the basis of the plan already presented, and to secure, if possible, a favorable issue. We also authorize the Board to seek to secure the cooperation of the other Lutheran Boards, in the educational work, and empower them to act when a satisfactory plan of cooperation has been accepted by them and by the other Board or Boards concerned.

8. That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to call and send to Japan another missionary as soon as, in their discretion, this action is justified by the increasing interest of the congregations of the United Synod manifested by their support of the cause.

9. That we gratefully acknowledge the special benefactions noted in the report as well as the loving gift of every co-worker in carrying out our Lord's last command.

10. That we concur in the merited tribute of the Board to our missionaries in Japan and that we desire to commend and encourage them with the assurance of our trust in them, of our cordial sympathy with their trials and their successes, and of our purpose loyally to sustain them in the work to which they are giving their lives in our stead.

11. That we solemnly pledge ourselves to more frequent and more earnest prayer for our Board of Missions; for our missionaries and their wives and families; for our native pastors and workers; for our Japanese brethren and sisters won for Christ through their ministry, and for the blessings of God upon the cause and the work in its every department and activity; and that we pledge ourselves to more faithful and self-denying effort to meet the present pressing need, desiring to be used of God to establish and to make His kingdom a praise in the earth.

We recommend for election as members of the Board of Foreign Missions for the ensuing biennium, the Revs. Robert C. Holland, D. D., M. O. J. Kreps, W. A. Deaton, J. H. Murphy, M. J. Epting,

D. D., and Messrs. J. E. Cooper, J. M. Lichtenwanger, H. L. Bonham. Respectfully submitted,

C. ARMAND MILLER,
H. C. HAITHCOX,
T. W. SHEALY,
W. C. DAVIS,
G. W. J. SHONTZ,
J. A. ALEXANDER,
W. L. DARR.

Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

For the Biennium, October, 1908 to August 15, 1910.

BOARD ORGANIZED AND CHARTERED.

This Board was constituted at the eleventh convention of the United Synod held in Savannah, Ga., October, 1908, and with membership as follows: Robert C. Holland, W. A. Deaton, M. O. J. Kreps, J. H. Murphy, M. J. Epting, R. W. Kime, J. E. Cooper and J. M. Lichtenwanger.

This Board held its first meeting in Savannah October 10, 1908, and organized, electing officers as follows:

Robert C. Holland, *President.*
M. O. J. Kreps, *Recording Secretary.*
John A. Cline, *Treasurer.*

At the second meeting of the Board held in Charlotte, N. C., December 10, 1908, Dr. Robert C. Holland was elected General Superintendent, or General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Work, at an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, and $100 per annum was voted as compensation to Treasurer.*

The Board created an executive committee as follows: The officers of the board, together with Rev. W. A. Deaton and Mr. J. E. Cooper and Treasurer John A. Cline.

THE BOARD CHARTERED.

Pursuant to action of the Board taken December 10, 1908, this Board was legally chartered and appropriate seal secured.

The articles of incorporation are as follows:

*See "Explanatory Note" of Treasurer, page 83.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, Robert C. Holland, Charlotte, N. C.; M. O. J. Kreps, Prosperity, S. C., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of *The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South*, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That a meeting of the aforesaid organization, held pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said organization, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for a Religious, Educational, Social, Fraternal, Charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain, to the members, otherwise than is now stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State*, a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid Declaration would be filed.

And whereas, That said Declarants and Petitioners further declared and affirmed:

First. Their names and residents are as above given.

Second. The name of the proposed corporation is The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Third. The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to send out and support men and women to carry the gospel to certain parts of the non-Christian world, and give general direction to the enterprise, viz: To help Evangelize the World. To this end we solicit gifts of money and legacies, meet as often as necessary, and report to the body appointing us. "The United Synod of the Lutheran Church in the South,"—and do such other work of a missionary character as the said United Synod may commit to its charge.

Fifth. The names of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows:

Robert C. Holland, *President.*
M. O. J. Kreps, *Recording Secretary.*
John A. Cline, *Treasurer.*

Sixth. That they desire to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities, conferred by said Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto.

(SEAL.)

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, at Columbia, this 4th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and in the one hundred and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

R. S. McCown, *Secretary of State.*

BOARD MEETINGS.

The Board has held five regular meetings, and the Executive Committee three meetings during the biennium, and the conclusions reached have been unanimous; yet at no meeting have we had more than six members present. The absence, however, was the result of distance to be traveled, or unavoidable conflict of engagements. More frequent meetings have been obviated by correspondence with the members in regard to particular questions needing immediate attention.

OUR MISSION IN JAPAN INCORPORATED.

Our Mission in Japan, in order to hold property and transact business as a body politic, made application to the Japanese government to be constituted a juridical personage.

In pursuance of the requirements of the laws of Japan, our four missionants, Rev. Messrs. C. L. Brown, C. K. Lippard, A. J. Stirewalt and L. S. G. Miller, were constituted an "association," and as such were granted articles of incorporation.

This document is here presented in full for the information of the Church, and is interesting as illustrating the methods which Christian Missions must adopt to secure corporate right in the Empire of Japan.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Article 1.

This Association shall be styled the Association of Missionaries in Japan of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States America.

Article 2.

All male missionaries of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States America, permanently residing in Japan, shall be eligible to membership in the Association.

Article 3.

Any member of the Association ceasing to be a member of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States America, permanently residing in Japan, shall thereby cease to be a member of the Association.

Article 4.

The Association shall have no legal connection with any organization or association in a foreign country, or with any organization or association in Japan that is ecclesiastical, or whose object it is to make profit by the conduct of its business.

Article 5.

1. The object of the Association shall be to own or rent (i. e. from others) and manage land, buildings and other property for the extension of Christianity, and carrying on of Christian education, and the performance of works of charity and benevolence.

2. In order to secure the Association from loss or inconvenience, when a building owned by the Association becomes vacant, it may be rented with the land on which it stands to another party; and the rent so received may be expended for the object of the Association as set forth in Article 5.

3. Buildings shall be rented from month to month or from year to year; and no building shall be rented continuously for more than seven years.

4. The amount of rents received by the Association during any one year shall not exceed yen 5,000.00.

Article 6.

1. The property of the Association will consist for the most part, of land and buildings purchased by funds contributed, either in the past or the future, by the United Synod of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States of America.

2. The Association may receive gifts of land, buildings and other property from other donors also.

3. No gift shall be received that is accompanied with conditions whereby it cannot be held or used in accordance with the object of the Association as set forth in Article 5.

ARTICLE 7.

The Association shall elect from its own members four directors who shall constitute the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 8.

The term of office of a Director shall be three years. But the four Directors first elected shall be divided by lot into three classes of two, one, and one respectively.

The first class shall hold office for one year; the second for two years; the third for three years from the date of the incorporation of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.

When through death, resignation, ceasing to be a member of the Association, or for any other reason, a vacancy shall occur in the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy by the election of a member of the Association to fill the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE 10.

The Board of Directors shall transact the business of the Association.

ARTICLE 11.

By a vote of the Association the Board of Directors may:

1. Acquire property for the Association by gift or purchase.

2. Rent or sell property and invest or expend the rent or the proceeds of the sale for the furtherance of the object of the Association as set forth in Article 5.

3. Transfer property to one or more juridical persons recognized by the laws of Japan, who shall hold for use the same for the furtherance of the object of the Association as set forth in Article 5.

4. Sell property and return the proceeds of the sale thereof to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States of America.

ARTICLE 12.

The Board of Directors shall call a stated meeting of the Association at least once during every year. It shall also call special meetings at the request of two or more members of the Association. Notice of all meetings shall be in writing.

ARTICLE 13.

Notice of any meeting and its object shall be given at least five days before the time of meeting; but, with the consent of a majority of the members of the Association, matters may be decided regarding which previous notice has not been given. Two members present at the time and place appointed shall constitute a quorum. Absent members may vote by letter or by proxy.

ARTICLE 14.

The Association may be dissolved by a vote of three-fourths of the members. In that case the property may be transferred by the Directors to one or more juridical persons recognized by the laws of Japan, who shall hold or use the same for the furtherance of the object of the Association as set forth in Article 5; or, the property may be sold and the proceeds of the sale returned to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, United States of America.

ARTICLE 15.

The office of the Association shall be located at Furu-Shinyashiki, Kumamoto, Kyushu.

ARTICLE 16.

These Articles of Association, subject to the sanction of the proper authorities as required in Article 38 of the Civil Code, may be changed by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Association.

OUR PRESENT WORKING FORCE IN JAPAN.

The following presents our staff of regular workers in the mission field:

NAMES OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. C. L. Brown, D. D., Kumamoto.
Mrs. C. L. Brown, Kumamoto.
Rev. C. K. Lippard, D. D., Saga.
Mrs. C. K. Lippard, Saga.
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Kumamoto.
Rev. L. S. G. Miller, Fukuoka.
Mrs. L. S. G. Miller, Fukuoka.

NAMES OF OUR NATIVE WORKERS.

Rev. Yamanouchi Ryohei, ordained.
Mrs. Yamanouchi.
Rev. Naomaru, ordained.
Mrs. Naomaru.
Evangelist Wasa.
Evangelist Takahashi.
Evangelist Washiyama.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.

Miss Mura Kikuko.
Miss Watanabe Michiyo.
Miss Nonaka Misako.

Cooperating with us are Rev. J. M. T. Winther and Rev. J. P. Nielsen, of the United Danish Synod in America. The former has removed to Kumamoto, and is a professor of theology in our Mission School; the latter remains in Kurume, a contiguous city. Our Danish brethren have a native evangelist at work in Kurume, Rev. Yonemura. The General Council has a missionary Rev. Frisby D. Smith, in Tokyo, who is seeking to shepherd such of our members as have taken up residence in that city.

We are glad to report that the work has been going steadily forward, and that our brethren have been preserved in good health; and perfect harmony and persevering fidelity have characterized their fellowship and their devotion to the difficult service to which they have been appointed.

OUR PROPERTY IN JAPAN.

We own in Omuta a chapel, named Robert G. Chisolm Memorial, purchased by St. John's church, Charletson, S. C.

We own a church in Saga, also a kindergarten building costing $1,200, and paid for by the women of our churches through the agency largely of Miss Gertrude Simpson.

We have also a lot in Saga for missionaries' home. This lot is now being put in order and will be the site of the new "Saga Home," for which the women of our churches have pledged the sum of $3,000. This home is now in process of building and will be completed in the spring of 1911. The peculiar exigencies of the case made it necessary that the Board advance funds for the immediate erection of the house, thus giving the good women further time to secure the required amount.

We are informed that the original building yet remaining on this lot will be fitted up at comparatively small cost for the residence of our kindergarten teachers, the lot being sufficiently large for the two residences.

In the city of Kumamoto we own a church and a parish home on same lot, residence of Rev. Naomaru. Here we also have a missionaries' home occupied by Rev. Dr. Brown and family. This home has been in the last year repaired and enlarged at a cost of $750. The health and comfort of the occupants make this expenditure necessary.

Here is also a commodious Japanese house rented at $153.00 per year. This has been Rev. Stirewalt's home, and has been and is sitll used as a theological seminary. Rev. Winther has just removed to Kumamoto and is occupying this house.

The Mission School ground, recently purchased, consisting of seven and three-fourth acres of ground, most eligibly located, has been purchased and title safely vested in our incorporate association (consisting of our four missionaries) at a cost, including expenses of transfer, of $13,642.95. This, as well as all other money transactions, involved cash payment.

All other properties used by our mission for homes or chapels, as in Hakata, Kumamoto, Saga, Omuta, Ogi, etc., are rented at sums ranging from five to twelve dollars per month.

OUR MISSION SCHOOL.

A lot of seven and three-fourth acres has been purchased in Kumamoto as the site for this school. The location is said to be ideal, and our mission has been highly complimented upon the bargain made. The total cost, including transfer charges, is $13,642.95. In this purchase our missionaries have made the best possible choice, and should receive the commendation of all the friends of the cause in thus laying broadly and securely the foundation of the work committed to their trust. Time will vindicate this action, though the nominal cost is in excess of original calculations. This was unavoidable under the circumstances, and was due to conditions beyond their control.

This lot must be enclosed after the manner of school properties in Japan, and there must be erected buildings commensurate with the purposes of the undertaking. This means a certain conformity to standards set by the governmental schools of similar grade. The buildings to be erected (and that as soon as possible) are an administration building estimated at $17,000, a dormitory building estimated at $15,000, and other professors' houses at cost of $800 each.

The lot has been paid for and title legally vested in our Mission duly incorporated. The balance in the treasury of this school fund is $11,357.05, counting the original amount of $25,000 subscribed as fully realized. It is true that we must allow

$1,500 of that amount as yet in unpaid subscriptions, with a possibility of final lapse. Other friends have, however, about made up this loss.

From the figures above given it is apparent that an additional $25,000 is now needed to enclose the grounds and put up necessary buildings. Less than this amount would demand a marring of the symmetry and utility of the proposed administration and dormitory buildings. The Board, therefore, must ask the United Synod to endorse the plea of our Missionary Conference and instruct the Board to authorize the prosecution of the Mission School enterprise upon the basis herein presented; and we desire to append a copy of booklet, "Kyushu Gakuin," as a supplement to our own report, with our hearty endorsement of the action as well as the appeal of our missionaries in behalf of our Mission School in Japan; for we are thoroughly convinced that the very best thing that can be done for the cause in Japan, at this time, is the founding and equipping of this Christian educational institution.

The Theological Department has found rented quarters, and has been in operation during the current year, with five students in attendance. Rev. Mr. Winther, of the Danish Synod, is one of the professors. He is assisted by Rev. Dr. Brown, Rev. Naomaru, and by Rev. A. J. Stirewalt until his departure for America.

REPORT FROM THE FIELD.

Parish Statistics.

Members enrolled during the life of the mission up to January 1, 1910, number 473 at the five stations, Saga, Kumamoto, Kurume, Omuta and Hakata.

There have been losses by removal, death, and as incident to the war with Russia, and the lack of evangelists to reap and garner the fruitage during these sixteen years. Yet though scores are scattered into unknown districts and cities, it is believed that they will carry with them the Christian impressions they received through our missionaries.

The present membership is two hundred and ninety-two. Baptisms during 1909 numbered 41. There are in all twelve Sunday-schools, with 688 scholars and 28 teachers. Preaching places are as follows: Regular, Saga 2, Kumamoto 3, Omuta 1, Hakata 1, Kurume 3. Occasional, Ogi and Arita, from Saga, and Noogata and Kanezaki, from Hakata.

There are at Ogi thirteen members and a free kindergarten of twenty scholars. We have three members at Wakatsu.

Our Theological Seminary at Kumamoto has five students.
The gain in resident membership during the biennium is 31.
Contributions for all purposes during 1909, $243.31.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

The United Synod is to be congratulated upon the personnel of our missionary force in Japan. Two of them have had an experience of ten years and over. All of them are worthy occupants of the responsible posts they have been called to fill. We have learned to repose entire confidence in their judgment and their Christian integrity. Their devotion to the cause is characterized by an uncomplaining acquiescence in the conclusions of the Board, and in the sacrifices they are compelled to endure by reason of hopes deferred. They, one and all, have been at hard work in a field commanding their best thought, their Christian fortitude, and persevering faith, Not the least of the trials which befall them is that possibly the home church does not appreciate the difficulties involved in the magnitude of the task assigned them. Their limitations thus necessitated have been borne with becoming meekness, but it is evident they have chafed sorely, and the question comes home to us who stand obligated to lend all needed aid, "Have we done our duty?" Have we met our proper obligation? How long shall we withhold the encouragement so necessary to the proper development of the work we have laid upon our men who are giving their lives to the service?

No more sacred claim is ours today than that of properly sustaining our men by promptly responding to their earnest appeals for advancement; and they are worthy for whom we should do this.

REV. A. J. STIREWALT—HIS VISIT TO THE HOME CHURCH.

After being on the mission field for four and a half years, this brother is now with us in America. He is here not on furlough, not for rest or recuperation, but as accredited commissioner from our church in Japan, with the endorsement of the Board of Foreign Missions. A crisis in the Mission School movement, in the judgment of the Mission Conference in Japan and of the Board, has made it eminently proper, if not really necessary, that one intimately identified with the movement, and thoroughly acquainted with the present conditions and needs, should come over and tell the Church all about it. He comes therefore with a message—an important message—and through him our

missionaries seek a hearing. That message has been formally presented in a brochure just issued from the press, entitled "Kyushu Gakuin." We commend it to the careful reading of all our people, and especially to those who would awake to the sacred duty in an hour of great opportunity for great service in the kingdom of our Lord and Master. This messenger from Japan comes with a burning, anxious heart. We can not but feel that his coming into our midst locates upon us, the Church at home, a responsibility in larger measure. We stand in a position which places us not only upon our honor, but upon our Christian fidelity to the cause of Christ our Lord.

THE WORLD'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

This great conference of 2,400 *commissioned delegates* from Mission Boards and Societies from the United States, the British Dominions and the various countries of continental Europe, together with representatives from various mission fields of the world, met in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 14th to 23d, 1910. The delegate from the United Synod, under commission from the Board of Foreign Missions, was the Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt. To meet this appointment he came from Japan by way of Edinburgh and was in attendance upon all the sessions of the conference. He speaks in unmistaken terms of the high privilege accorded him and the personal profit received in being a member of this great assembly of the distinguished leaders in the missionary movements of the day.

The nine volumes soon to be issued giving the proceedings of this world's missionary conference, will constitute an invaluable accession to the literature bearing upon the subject of world-wide missions. They embody the results of painstaking and thorough investigation by experts in the various departments assigned and the conclusions presented embody the irresistible appeal of facts collected after a two years' laborious correspondence. This conference marks a great epoch in the history of the church of Christ.

APPORTIONMENT AND SPECIAL GIFTS AND METHODS.

The apportionment of $15,000 per annum, adopted by the United Synod two years ago, has not been realized in full. The anticipated benefits of the apportionment plan have been somewhat disappointing. The struggle locally to get credit on congregational apportionment and synodical apportionment, for special individual or congregational benefactions has neutralized

to some extent the hopes and plans of the Board and made it increasingly necessary to adopt sundry measures to meet the absolute expenses of the mission. Even the amount which the women's and children's societies pledge for specific purposes is, in not a few instances, claimed by congregations on their annual apportionment. This is true to a certain extent of special gifts secured by extraordinary methods adopted by the Board in order to secure adequate income. Yet this very provision puts the Board upon constant strain to press other measures to secure adequate income. Experience has taught us that we cannot look for the full amount apportioned without pressure of special and extraordinary measures, and thus agitation and increased labor are made necessary by the imperative claims of the work in Japan. We cannot relax our vigilance and correspondence for a single month, lest the treasury announce panic conditions. Our obligations are so imperative that we are forced to supplement the inadequate returns through regular channels by continued use of extraordinary methods. Even the Mission League, which has been so helpful has in many cases been broken into to ease the limping apportionment. The Laymen's Movement stands in the same line of danger. And yet we cannot stop, however much we might wish to do so. The work must go forward. It cannot be contracted to uncertain apportionment returns. The local output must measure itself by the foreign demand. There can be no sliding scale in the Japan work in accommodation to a possible failure in the apportionment. When the Foreign Mission cause ceases to grow and expand, in this day of missionary development, there is loss and failure. The responsibility lies, in our mission at least, with the home Church; hence the necessity of strenuous endeavor and special methods to marshal the home forces. We therefore foster donations on the "annuity plan," the enrollment of emergency men, as a branch of the Mission League, legacies, memorials and shares in the Mission School buildings, the "parish abroad" plan, etc. All this, however, in the earnest hope that we may secure donations too large and too obstinate to be swallowed up in a 33 1-3 per cent. apportionment.

This is the Board's explanation of its urgency and varied method; and we find that in the case of the foreign work in all the denominations in this country the felt responsibility finds expression along similar supplementary appeals and methods.

As a substitute for a monthly Foreign Mission Journal, we have availed ourselves of the generous courtesy of the *Lutheran*

Church Visitor, and also of *Tidings*, supplemented by booklets, folders and bulletins, circular letters, and personal correspondence. We have thus sought to keep the Church informed in regard to the work in Japan, and at the same time help to develop larger giving by the home Church and an increasing prayerful devotion to the cause of world-wide evangelization.

The President of the Board was authorized to publish an edition of 5,000 of the proposed booklet "Japan for Christ." (This has been done and the cost fully covered by sales.)

ANNUITY DONATION FUND.

We have now three thousand dollars in this fund. Of this amount $2,000 is invested in our Theological Seminary real estate, and is bearing 6 per cent. interest, which is equal to the annuity we are paying. The other one thousand, received June 12, 1910, of Mrs. A. Ella Bernheim, is already upon its mission of service in Japan. We wish to largely increase this fund, which has decided advantages both to the cause we are fostering and to the annuitant. Unless the contract with annuitant expresses otherwise, the money will be put to immediate use in carrying forward the work of the mission. We trust that under the sanction of the United Synod and the guarantee of the Board, this fund may annually increase till it shall aggregate the sum of $25,000.

SPECIAL BENEFACTIONS—HONORABLE MENTION.

Among the helpers in the Foreign Mission work, who have made possible what has been done, we must mention the several hundred men and women who have assumed and fully paid the hundred dollar shares in the Japan Mission School, and especially of the brethren who gave $2,000 and $1,000 and $500 respectively.

We place on the honor roll those members of the Mission League who have held on faithfully during the six years of its history.

We wish to express our appreciation of the cordial cooperation of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the several synods where organized, and also to the young people's and children's Missionary Societies and congregational woman's societies scattered throughout the Church, and to those individuals, men and women, who have, unsolicited, sent in as thank offering and memorial, gifts of $50 and $100, and also to many others whose free will offerings were marked by Christian self-denial and love to the Master.

Mrs. Dr. Bernheim, by another annuity donation of $1,000, has given renewed evidence of her loyalty to our Southern Church and of her continued confidence in its foreign work.

The church in Winchester, Va., has advanced $400 in its mission offering, assuming support of missionary to extent of $1,200, besides that of Naomaru, one of our native ordained pastors.

We are glad to learn that St. Paul's, Wilmington, and the Church of the Redeemer, Newberry, are contemplating joining Grace Church, Winchester, "on the larger service."

St. John's, Charleston, has adopted as its "Parish Abroad" Omuta, and has paid for the chapel in that city at a cost of $375.00, and we have the promise of still larger things from old St. John's.

During the biennium there has been manifested a kindly sentiment in behalf of our Japan cause, and with the cheerful cooperation of our pastors, the difficult task upon which the Board is called to enter, will be brought to a successful culmination to the joy of our missionaries and the spiritual blessing of the Church at home.

THE FIFTH MISSIONARY.

The Board is considering the question of sending out to Japan a fifth missionary and of extending the call as soon as made proper by the churches of the United Synod in their increasing interest in the cause. We deem it eminently fitting that this call should go out at an early date, and ask the United Synod to sanction this proposed action, giving the Board discretionary right in the premises.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER FOREIGN MISSION BOARDS.

As heretofore indicated, cooperation among the missionaries of the three Boards of the Lutheran Church doing work in Japan is more of a voluntary arrangement among themselves than of any defined agreement among the Boards. No form of consolidation of missionary work in the empire has been adopted by the three Boards, though our missionaries have submitted for their consideration a plan looking to adoption of "One Lutheran Church in Japan" as the proper thing for our sanction.

Our Board has suggested to the Foreign Boards of the General Council, and of the United Danish Church in America, the propriety of holding a conference for the purpose of discussing the plan of cooperation submitted to the three Boards of the missionaries of said boards. The result was that Rev. A. S Nielsen,

of the Danish Board, and Rev. George Drach of the Council Board, met with representatives of our Board at Roanoke, Va., on the 17th of August. Our representatives were Messrs. J. E. Cooper, R. W. Kime, John A. Cline and R. C. Holland. Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt was present as representative of the missions in Japan.

The conference was not only harmonious, but profitable to all of us, as revealing an earnest desire to work together to secure the largest results upon the field. We all agreed upon certain articles involving the evangelistic work, the same to be submitted to he several Boards for their approval or otherwise. This necessarily postpones for an indefinite time the formal adoption of any definite plan of cooperation in the evangelistic work of the American Boards. Yet there is practically cooperation among all the missionaries in Kyushu, as far as existing synodical limitations will allow. The desire of all the missions in Japan is to work as if all were of one synod. In other words to introduce in Japan what we would like to see in this country, one Lutheran Church.

No plan of cooperation in educational work was seriously discussed in this Roanoke conference. It is true that by action of the Danish Board Rev. Mr. Winther fills one of the chairs in the Theological School, and thus one of our missionaries is released for other work. There seems an evident desire on the part of both the other Boards to participate in school work in Kumamoto, but no definite propositions have been made. The United Synod must solve this Mission School question. The responsibility is hers. We believe the outcome of our faithful execution of our undertaking will be that generous cooperation in the annual support of the institution will not be wanting.

As indicative of the views of the Lutheran missionaries in Japan on the subject of cooperation in evangelistic work, we present the following paper, brought over by Mr. Stirewalt:

PLAN FOR A WORKING COOPERATION IN EVANGELISTIC WORK OF THE THREE AMERICAN LUTHERAN BOARDS DOING WORK IN JAPAN.

Believing that it is to the interest of God's kingdom, and to the welfare of the establishment of the Lutheran Church in Japan, we, the representatives of the undersigned Boards agree

to recommend to our respective Boards the following plans of cooperation of the missions in Japan under our respective control, leaving the details of said plan to be worked out and executed by the Japan Conference, which will be called into being as a consequence thereof:

1. (a). That there be granted a Common Conference, of which all missionaries belonging to the Japan mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, shall be members, to whom shall belong equal votes and privileges.

(b). That said Conference be convened annually, and whenever deemed advisable by the proper officers, in view of necessary business, and that it elect its own officers, make rules for the conduct of its meetings, and immediately after each meeting report through its officers to each one of the home Boards. The report shall be in duplicate, written by the secretary and countersigned by the president.

2. That said Conference be given power to formulate rules for the prosecution of the evangelistic work, subject to the approval of the Boards.

3. That said Conference be given power to locate, or change the location of its pastors, evangelists, or workers, as it may deem to be to the general interests of the Evangelical Luheran Church in Japan; only, that no pastor, evangelist, or worker, shall be located, or have his location changed, without the majority vote of the members of the Joint Conference, including the unanimous vote of the members of the mission under which the person in question is at that time working.

4. That said Conference be given power to locate, or to change the location of its missionaries, subject to the unanimous vote of the mission involved, together with the approval of the Home Board under which the person in question works.

5. That said Conference be given power to elect a common mission treasurer, who shall receive and disburse all moneys sent by the three boards involved, keeping a separate account for each board, and using the funds of each board in behalf of its own respective work, subject to an order of a duly appointed agent of each mission, and reporting to each board in monthly reports, in such form as each respective board may require.

6. The plans herein contained are to become operative as soon as the respective boards shall have agreed thereto, and so noti-

fied their missionaries in Japan, to whom the carrying out of these plans shall be entrusted.

GEORGE DRACH,
Representative of General Council's Board.
A. S. NIELSEN, Per A. J. S.
Representative of United Danish Church Board.
ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
Representative of United Synod in the South.
JNO. A. CLINE.
J. E. COOPER,

ARTHUR J. STIREWALT, Secretary.

This paper, as presented, met with the approval of the conference of the representatives of the three Boards held at Roanoke August 7, 1910, and has been referred to the several Boards for further consideration.

The United Synod Board of Foreign Missions would ask this body to authorize it to continue negotiations upon the basis of the plan here presented and to prosecute the same to a final issue. Also the same authority is sought in regard to cooperation in educational work.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

This report of the biennium beginning October 1st, 1908, is appended as part of our report, and will doubtless be read with interest. Our treasurer has rendered monthly reports through the *Church Visitor* of all receipts, and has submitted his books and accounts for audit annually by an auditing committee appointed by the Board. The treasurer has been accurate and faithful, and hs been compelled to give no little time to this service.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

October 1, 1908, *to August* 15, 1910—*Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer, in Account With*

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1908.	Dr.	
Oct. 1.	To balance last settlement..	$ 2,424.00
	To amt. from all sources..	$19,000.41
		$21,424.41

Cr.

By salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	$ 1,517.97
By passage to Rev. A. J. Stireawlt	355.60
By salary to Rev. L. S. G. Miller	2,089.09
By salary to Rev. C. L. Brown	2,556.45
By salary to Rev. C. K. Lippard	2,274.99
By amt. incidentals	6,300.00
By salary Superintendent Board	1,929.49
By salary J. A. Cline	125.00
By amt. G. D. Bernheim, interest	240.00
By amt. for Kindergarten	121.07
By amt. for Saga Home	750.00
By amt. for painting Saga church	30.00
By amt. two cablegrams to Japan	47.09
By amt. printing 10,000 services	134.00
By amt. Rev. C. L. Brown, school purposes	200.00
By amt. expense (printing, stamps, travel, and all other expenses)	916.75
	$19,587.50
Cash balance	1,836.91
	$21,424.41

JAPAN SCHOOL.

1908. Dr.

Oct. To amt. balance last settlement	$16,622.17
To amt. from all sources	5,053.17
	$21,676.06

Cr.

By amt. paid to Foreign Missions account	$ 50.00
By amt. paid on lot in Japan	1,400.00
By amt. paid Japan School	7,500.00
By amt. paid Mission League	30.00
	$21,580.00
By balance	96.06

MISSION LEAGUE.

1908.	Dr.	
Oct.	To amt. balance last settlement	$ 4,642.20
	To mt. interest	81.00
	To amt. from all sources	3,695.40
		$ 8,418.60

Cr.

By amt.	to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt for kindergarten	$ 1,000.00
By amt.	Rev. C. L. Brown on salary	132.83
By amt.	Home Missions	1,061.30
By amt.	Rev. R. C. Holland on salary	208.32
By amt.	Rev. C. K. Lippard on salary	108.33
By amt.	Rev. A. J. Stirewalt on salary	66.66
By amt.	Rev. L. S. G. Miller on salary	66.00
By amt.	for incidentals	810.74
By amt.	Rev. J. A. Cline salary	100.00
By amt.	for Japan school	25.02
By amt.	interest to Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D.	300.00
By amt.	J. A. Cline, expenses to Columbia	11.40
By amt.	Rev. L. S. G. Miller for Saga Home	1,500.00
By amt.	stamps and envelopes	8.00
		$ 5,394.60
By balance		$ 3,024.00
		$ 8,418.60

CHURCH EXTENSION.

1908.	Dr.	
Oct.	To amt. balance last settlement	$ 1,129.59

Cr.

By amt.	to Home Mission Board, Rev. R. A. Yoder, President	$ 1,129.59

WOMAN'S FORWARD MOVEMENT.

1908.	Dr.	
Oct.	To amt. balance last settlement	$ 4,866.80
	To amt. from interest at 4 per cent	419.39
	To amt. from all sources	1,485.63
		$ 6,771.82

Cr.

By amt. paid Rev. C. L. Brown.. .. ..$ 5,000.00
By amt. paid Japan School Fund.. .. .. 1,771.82

$ 6,771.82

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. CLINE,
Treasurer for Mission Board.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

The reports as above shows all moneys coming into the Treasurer's hands from October 1, 1908, to August 15, 1910, one year ten and one-half months.

Home Missions.. .. ..$ 3,410.20
Foreign Missions.. .. .. 19,000.41
Mission League.. .. .. 3,776.40
Japan School.. .. .. 5,053.89
Woman's Forward Movement.. .. .. 1,905.02

$33,145.92

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

1. The amount received to date of thank-offering fund for Saga Home is $725.44, and is included in foreign account under foreign missions.

2. During the twenty-one months of the work of the Foreign Mission Board, January 1, 1909, to September 1, 1910, Dr. Holland has relinquished of the salary voted him the sum of $525.00, or an average of $25 per month, making a voluntary contribution to the cause of that amount.

JNO. A. CLINE, Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board recommends the adoption by the United Synod of the following resolutions:

1. That the actions of the Board as presented in this report be approved.

2. That the charter of this Board, and also that of the Mission in Japan, be accepted.

3. That the sum of $15,000 annually be apportioned among the different synods as the declared minimum amount imperatively needed during the ensuing biennium to meet the current expenses of the Mission, apart from the buildings which should or may be erected.

4. That the Epiphany season be recognized as Foreign Mis-

sion Festival in all our congregations; and that "April Japan Day" be designated as the season for special offerings for the Japan Mission in all our Sunday Schools.

5. That the United Synod recognizes in the Mission League a valuable agency to supplement the small apportionment, commends it as promoting individual interest and larger giving, and endorses especially that feature which contemplates an "Emergency Fund" available for meeting unexpected drafts upon the Mission treasury, so liable to occur in the foreign work.

6. That the United Synod extends most cordial welcome to Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt, as its missionary now on a visit to our churches, and more especially in the capacity of messenger from the conference in Japan; and that our people be urged to respond promptly and liberally to the call which comes from Japan for an additional $25,000 in order to place the Mission School in Kumamoto upon a present and adequate working basis.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
M. O. J. KREPS,
J. E. COOPER,
W. A. DEATON,
R. W. KIME,
JNO. M. LICHTENWANGER,
J. H. MURPHY,
M. J. EPTING,
Board of Foreign Missions.

Report of Board of Missions and Church Extension.

This Board met in Charlotte, N. C., December 10, 1908, full quorum being present, to-wit: Revs. R. C. Holland, W. A. Deaton, M. J. Epting, M. O. J. Kreps, Messrs. J. E. Cooper, J. M. Lichtenwanger, with Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer.

This Board entered of record the following resolution, found on page 86 of minutes of the Eleventh Convention of the United Synod, held in Savannah, October 6-10, 1908.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension continue in operation under its existing charter as heretofore, in the prosecution of the general Mission Work, until January 1, 1909; and that in the meantime said Board prepare to so adjust matters pertaining to the several departments of Mission Work that the two boards constituted at this convention may be ready to enter understandingly upon the special work falling to each.

It being reported by the President of the Board that the Bernheim mortgage upon the Theological Seminary property at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., known as "Bernheim Hall," with bond for $2,000, had been transferred to the Board of Foreign Missions, it was ordered that the instrument of transfer be duly recorded in proper office in Charleston. (This was promptly done.)

An appeal was presented by the Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta for an appropriation of $3,500 on the debt of the church, coupled with a pledge that if the Board would do this, the congregation would become self-sustaining after December 31, 1908.

This matter was discussed at considerable length, and the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the request of the Atlanta church be acceded to in form as follows: That we appropriate $3,250 toward the debt upon the church property upon condition that the mission become independent, and that all remittances on pastor's salary cease after December 31, 1908, this appropriatoin, together with the amount heretofore given by and through this Board, to be secured by mortgage upon the property, in the usual form for gifts by the Board.

(This mortgage has been duly executed, the amount thereof being $8,250.) The President of the Board was authorized to publish an edition of 5,000 of the proposed booklet "Japan for Christ." (This has been done and the cost fully covered by sales.)

R. C. Holland, W. A. Deaton and Jno. A. Cline were appointed a commission to prepare a tabulated statement of existing obligations of the Board as to Home Missions and Church Extension, and such other information as the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension may need, and also the same for the Foreign Mission Board.

The Bernheim Annuity fund of $5,000 was ordered to be distributed in accordance with the wishes of the donor, and the action of the United Synod, to wit: To Church Extension $2,000, to Home Missions $1,000 and to Foreign Missions $2,000, the latter being in the hands of Theological Seminary Board, but secured to said Foreign Missions cause by articles of transfer as heretofore described.

(This has been done, as per report of Treasurer John A. Cline.)

A second meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was held in Charlotte, N. C., June 23, 1909. Present, Revs. Messrs. Holland, Deaton, Epting and Lichtenwanger, and by proxy, Rev. Messrs. Kreps, J. E. Cooper and W. R. Kime. Also Treasurer Jno. A. Cline.

The commission charged with making transfer of matters properly belonging to the Foreign Mission Board, and the Home Mission and Church Extension Board respectively, reported the work duly performed.

Cash in hand distributed as follows:

To the Foreign Mission Board:

Japan School Fund	$22,680.88
Balance of Mission League Fund	4,396.47
General Foreign Mission account	2,343.94

To the Home Mission and Church Extension Board:

Church Extension Fund	1,129.59
Home Mission Fund	287.92
Mission League	417.30

The Church Extension Fund has a claim upon the Home Mission Fund of $1,000 borrowed money.

The following declaration was entered of record as embodying our interpretation of the status of the Board in view of the action taken at Savannah creating two Boards for the separate administration of the Home and Foreign work hitherto in charge of this one Board:

Having disposed of all the effects and assets which rightfully belonged to the two Boards created by the United Synod at Savannah, October 10, 1908, in pursuance of what it deemed to be the interest of that body, we ceased on the first day of January, 1909, to be chargeable with the administration of the affairs laid upon these separate Boards, and hold ourselves responsible only so far as our agency may be needed in connection with matters claiming the use of our name: and should there come into our hands any funds or matters claiming our agency, we shall deem ourselves as acting in the capacity of trustees for the two new Boards.

We have therefore not dissolved our corporate body, but think it best to continue our legal existence, until the United Synod shall take action asking us to dissolve as a body corporate.

We ask the United Synod, in view of the fact that our corporate name has been used since the year 1890 until 1909 in deeds of trust, gift and transfer, and as possible beneficiary in contingent benefactions, to endorse the interpretation above given as to its legal status.

We ask further that the members of the Foreign Mission Board be nominated as members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, the same to meet at least annually at time of meeting of the Foreign Board.

We recommend the adoption of following:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be recognized as still existing as a corporate body charged with the duties and functions outlined in foregoing report.

2. That the obligations assumed by this Board relative to the Bernheim annuity fund be endorsed by the United Synod, and that whereas said fund has been turned over to the Board of Foreign Missions and of Home Missions and Church Extension, according to the division heretofore approved, it shall be the duty of said Board of Missions and Church Extension to collect from the two Boards created at last meeting of the United Synod the interest on said annuity fund, i. e., $180.00 per annum from the Board of Home Missions, and $120.00 per annum from Board of Foreign Missions, in semi-annual instalments, and to pay the same to Dr. and Mrs. Bernheim according to original agreement.

3. *Resolved*, That should the Board of Missions and Church Extension necessarily incur any expense in the execution of its functions, the same shall be paid out of the treasuries of the other two boards above named, according to the equities of the case.

(Signed)

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION OF UNITED SYNOD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 1, 1908, *to December* 31, 1908—*Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer, in Account With Home Missions.*

1908.	Dr.	
Oct. 1.	To balance last settlement	$ 3,014.35
	To amt. from all sources	3,410.20
		$ 6,424.55
	Cr.	
	By amt. salary to Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D.	$ 112.50
	By amt. salary to Rev. K. Y. Umberger	62.51
	By amt. salary to Rev. C. W. Kegley	100.01
	By amt. salary to Rev. S. C. Ballentine	23.33
	By amt. salary to Rev. J. L. Derrick	45.00
	By amt. salary to Rev. S. T. Hallman	30.00
	By amt. salary to Rev. E. C. Weltner, D. D.	49.51
	By amt. salary to Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr.	125.00
	By amt. salary to Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.	65.60
	By amt. salary to Rev. W. R. Brown	23.34

By amt. Church Extension	771.89
By amt. salary to Rev. J. B. Greiner, D. D.	23.34
By amt. salary to Rev. John A. Cline	25.00
By amt. to Atlanta church	3,250.00
By amt. turned over to Home Mission Board by Rev. R. A. Yoder, President Home Mission Board	287.92
By amt. turned over to Home Mission Board by J. M. Rhodes, Treasurer Home Mission Board	1,219.70
By amt. all other expenses of Board, salary of Superintendent, printing, traveling, postage, Board meetings.	209.90
	$6,424.55

On motion, standing resolutions on "Vacancies in Board" was amended by striking out the last line after the word Synod.

The resolution on "Board, How Constituted," was stricken out.

Rev. M. B. Porter addressed the Synod in the interest of the American Bible Society.

Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., submitted the report of the Committee on the Report of "the Board of Missions and Church Extension."

Synod adjourned, pending the consideration of this report, to meet at 3 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. C. E. Weltner, D. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1910, 3 P. M.

Synod was called to order, and opened with prayer by Rev. C. K. Bell.

The special order was suspended, and the Committee on Finance reported. Report was adopted:

Report of Committee on Finance.

Whereas, The indebtedness of the United Synod is at present about $1,200, and this indebtedness will be increased by at least $400 during the biennium, your committee recommends:

1. That one and one-half (1 1-2) cents per capita, in addition to the one-half (1-2) cent provided for by standing resolution, No. 4, page 93, Minutes of 1908, be added to the assessments of the District Synods.

2. That the Secretary of the United Synod send to the President and Treasurer of each District Synod the amount due to

the United Synod, and that he send also to the Treasurer of the United Synod corresponding statements.

3. That the Treasurer of the United Synod notify the Treasurers of the District Synods from time to time of the amounts due under this resolution until the obligations are liquidated.

4. That the District Synods be urged to meet these obligations as speedily as possiole.

5. That the officers of Synod be authorized to borrow money to meet past due indebtedness or make other satisfactory arrangements.

6. That United Synod instruct the chairman of the several Boards to send to the chairman of the Finance Committee thirty days prior to each convention of this Synod estimates of the appropriations that will be required, in order that the committee may formulate a plan for financing the work of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. KEISTER,
A. M. BOWMAN,
J. E. COOPER,
GEO. B. CROMER,
A. G. VOIGT,
C. M. EFIRD.

The Committee on Theological Seminary reported. Report was adopted:

Report of Standing Committee on Theological Seminary.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of the Joint Commission in the matter of the re-location of the Theological Seminary, beg to offer the following:

1. Obedient to instruction of your body the offers made by Charlotte and Salisbury, N. C., to secure the location of the Seminary in those cities, have been inserted in the report.

2. The report of the Joint Commission presents a clear and comprehensive account of the transactions of the Commission and gives evidence of the faithful efforts made to execute the will of Synod in the removal of the Seminary from Mount Pleasant, S. C.

The following recommendations are submitted:

1. That Synod hereby express its appreciation of the valuable and efficient services rendered by the Joint Commission.

2. That the action of the Joint Commission in locating the Theological Seminary near Columbia, S. C., be ratified by this Synod.

3. That our pastors and congregations be hereby urged to give to the Theological Seminary their loyal support, and especially to accord the Joint Commission the most liberal co-operation in its efforts to raise through its special canvasser, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, additional funds for construction purposes.

4. That the Joint Commission be continued.

5. That the report of the Joint Commission be adopted.

Respectfully,

M. J. EPTING,
W. A. SNYDER,
J. HENRY HARMS,
S. T. SHANK,
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

Report of the Joint Commission Charged with the Duty of Locating the Theological Seminary.

The Joint Commission created by the United Synod under a resolution adopted on the 8th day of October, 1908, and composed of the directors of the Theological Seminary and a special committee, respectfully report:

That the two bodies composing the Commission met in Columbia, S. C., on the 18th of February, 1909, and organized as a Joint Commission by electing the Rev. Dr. J. H. Wilson as president and John F. Ficken as secretary.

After careful consideration it was unanimously resolved to locate the Seminary in the City of Charleston, S. C. A special committee of five was then appointed to ascertain on what terms a suitable location for the Seminary could be procured in the City of Charleston, and the committee was instructed to report thereon at a meeting of the commission to be held on the 11th of May, 1909, in Charleston, S. C.

The Commission again convened in Charleston, S. C., on the 11th of May, 1909, and the special committee of five reported progress, not having completed the task hitherto assigned to them. The Dean of the Seminary was authorized and requested to canvass the churches within the bounds of the United Synod for the purpose of raising the sum of twenty thousand dollars to meet the cost of establishing the Seminary in the City of Charleston. It was also resolved that the special committee of five be continued in power, and that it be authorized to procure options on property in Charleston suitable for the purpose of the Seminary and to purchase the same whenever as much as one-third of the purchase money shall become available, at

least five thousand dollars of which should be raised in Charleston.

The Joint Commission next met in Charleston on 5th day of October, 1909. The special committee of five reported that they had not yet succeeded in raising sufficient funds to warrant the proposed purchase of a home in Charleston for the Seminary. That about thirty-two hundred dollars had been subscribed in Charleston. The Dean also reported that as the result of his canvass subscriptions had been made to the extent of about twenty-three hundred dollars, of which amount he had received twelve hundred and forty-four dollars and eight cents. The cash received by the Dean was finally poid over to John D. Cappelmann, Esq., who had been elected treasurer of the Joint Commission. The Dean declined to receive compensation for his services.

It having been brought to the attention of the Commission that dissatisfaction existed in some of the churches as to its action taken in locating the Seminary in Charleston, S. C., it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to inquire into and report the causes and extent of such dissatisfaction.

The Joint Commission next convened in St. Mark's church in Charlotte, N. C., on 1st December, 1909.

At this meeting the special committee of five reported that in view of the alleged dissatisfaction with the location of the Seminary in Charleston and the lack of sufficient funds, they had made no purchase of quarters for the Seminary, deeming it proper to await the outcome of the investigation which had been ordered.

The special committee of three reported that they had made a general inquiry respecting the alleged dissatisfaction with the location of the Seminary in Charleston, and so far as their inquiry extended the great majority expressed a preference for Columbia, S. C., as the future home of the Seminary, a very few favoring Charleston.

A reconsideration of the motion by which Charleston was chosen as the place of location was adopted by a majority vote. It was suggested that the Joint Commission when it selected Charleston had exhausted the power delegated, and that the United Synod alone could make the change desired, but this objection was not pressed. It was then resolved by a majority vote that the action selecting Charleston, S. C., as the place in which to re-locate the Seminary be rescinded and the whole matter reopened. A motion to adjourn to meet in Salisbury, N. C., on 16th December, 1909, was then adopted.

The Joint Commission next met in St. John's church, Salisbury, N. C., on 16th December, 1909. A communication from the pastors of the four Lutheran churches in Charleston, S. C., was read, stating that in view of the above action rescinding the selection of Charleston as the place in which the Seminary should be located, the said churches had discontinued their efforts to raise a special fund to meet the cost of locating in Charleston. They, however, declared that their people would remain loyal to the Seminary and would do their part in giving it a hearty support.

Committees urging the location of the Seminary in Columbia, S. C., in Salisbury, N. C., and in Charlotte, N. C., were then heard. Charlotte offered about ten thousand dollars. Salisbury offered fifteen thousand dollars and the choice of one out of six building sites. The City of Columbia offered to donate seventeen thousand, seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and the choice of one out of three building sites. After a prolonged discussion the Theological Seminary was finally located near Columbia, S. C., and the offers made by that city were accepted. The building site accepted is situated just outside of the corporate limits of Columbia, and measures about five acres. Besides this, sites for four professors' houses were donated.

A central executive committee of five was then elected with power to arrange for a canvass for funds and secure plans and specifications, which committee when prepared was directed to report to a meeting to be called by the president of the Commission.

On the 8th of March, 1910, the Joint Commission on the call of the president assembled in Columbia, S. C., to receive the report of the central executive committee. This committee reported that they had caused plans of the administration or main building of the Seminary to be prepared by Mr. Charles M. Robinson, an architect, of Richmond, Va., and submitted the same, which after discussion, the committee was authorized to accept as soon as they were assured that the amount of thirty thousand dollars was in sight as a building fund. The estimate of the architect is that the building as planned can be erected for the sum of forty thousand dollars. He also estimates that the two residences of the professors will cost each about five thousand dollars, making a sum total of fifty thousand dollars to be expended for the entire range of buildings.

The central executive committee is satisfied that at least thirty thousand dollars is available for the construction of the main or administration building, and the work will be pressed to

completion. In the meantime the Rev. M. O. J. Kreps has been appointed as special canvasser and he has already gone over portions of the ground with encouraging results. The following named persons were chosen as the building committee, viz: Dr. O. B. Mayer, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Hon. C. M. Efird, Rev. C. A. Freed and Rev. M. O. J. Kreps.

On the 7th of September, 1910, the Joint Commission met in Richmond, Va., and among other matters transacted, authorized the building committee to advertise for bids for the erection of the main or administration building. The building committee were further authorized to contract for the erection of said building at a cost not to exceed forty thousand dollars, exclusive of the cost of the necessary lighting, heating and sewerage plants, and the fees of the architect. The central executive committee was also empowered to borrow whatever sums may be needed for the construction of the building and were authorized to pledge as security for the same all notes, subscriptions and securities available for the building fund, and that such notes and obligations for the loans authorized shall be executed by the chairman of the central executive committee and the treasurer of the building fund, provided that the amount so to be borrowed, together with the cash contributed, shall not exceed forty thousand dollars. Mr. Cappelmann having resigned as treasurer of the building fund, Dr. C. L. Kibler was elected to that office.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILSON, Chairman.

The pending Report on "the Board of Missions and Church Extension" was resumed, and adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Missions and Church Extension.

1. The report is a statement of the administration of the old Board of Missions until the arrangements could be completed for the division of labor between the two new boards as provided for by the United Synod in Savannah. We recommend that these transactions be approved.

2. The Mission and Church Extension Board is an incorporated body, and as such holds certain property rights as mortgages, bequests, etc., executed in their name. It must either continue in existence or by certain complicated legal processes transfer these rights to other bodies. We recommend that its separate

existence be continued until the business now in its hands can be closed out and after that the United Synod dissolve it.

3. We recommend that the persons elected at this session of Synod as the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, viz: R. L. Patterson, C. L. Miller, B. B. Miller, V. Y. Boozer and C. E. Boger, and their successors in office be the members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, but in order to prevent confusion and to make this distinction of the two corporations clearly manifest upon the face of the transactions that the new bodies have at least different persons as presidents and secretaries; and that the corporation of "Board of Missions and Church Extension," so continued and constituted, do execute and deliver all such formal deed or deeds of transfer as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to fully vest in said "Board of Home Missions and Church Extension," all the mortgages, notes, choses in action and property, real, personal and of every kind, character and description as shall properly belong to or be intended for the work now vested by this Synod in the said Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

4. The expenses of the administration of the affairs of the Board of Missions and Church Extension be taken when possible from the transaction, but when this is not possible that they be drawn from the treasury of the Board directly concerned, or from both Boards in proportion to their interest in that particular case.

L. A. FOX,
J. A. ALEXANDER,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN.

On motion, so much of the action of this Synod as limited the existence of the Board of Missions and Church Extension to January 1, 1909, was rescinded. (See Minutes, 1908, page 86.)

The Committee on President's Report submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The report of the president shows a lively interest in, and familiarity with, all the work of the Synod. A careful oversight has been kept, and progress along all lines of church work is noted. In some instances the progress has been slow, but substantial, and sufficiently encouraging to induce us to set our faces to the future and undertake greater things the coming biennium. The report very properly makes mention of the

blessing of God upon our efforts, which has enabled us to accomplish something for His kingdom. May that abiding faith in Christ still be ours, and may loyal hands continue to hold up the banner of the cross. Realizing the unique position the United Synod occupies in the Church and country, we should be loyal to the demands of the Church and of the age upon us. Being true to our doctrinal inheritance always, and with a devotional spirit and unfaltering faith, we must meet the problems which confront us, which problems indicate a most healthy sign in our Church work, since "they are proof that we are alive and doing something." We recommend,

1. The approval of all the official acts of the president, including the sale of the stock of catechisms to Henkel & Company, of New Market, Va.

2. The President recommends the devising of ways and means to secure adequate revenue for the liquidation of our indebtedness. We recommend that this be referred to the Committee on Finance.

3. Whereas, The Laymen's Missionary Movement is not an organization, but a movement in the Church to give information, and to develop a spirit of benevolence; and whereas, every department of Church work will thereby be advanced, we, therefore, recommend, (a) the hearty approval and endorsement of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and urge all our pastors to follow up and endeavor to perpetuate the work inaugurated by the secretary of the Laymen's Movement. (b) That the chairman of the executive committee be asked to submit a report to this Synod.

4. In view of the fact that we have had such cordial greetings extended to the United Synod by the fraternal delegates from the General Council and from the General Synod, we recommend the adoption of the following recommendation of the President: "That we take note of the action of the General Synod, reappoint a committtee on fraternal co-operation, and instruct it in regard to terms of co-operation with other Lutheran bodies acceptable to the United Synod."

5. The gifts mentioned in the president's report, one of $2,000.00 by Mrs. S. C. Swigert, of Forest, Miss., and one of $5,000.00 by Mrs. Kate E. Drafts, of Eastover, S. C., are most

gratifying to our Synod. We recommend the example to others who may thus serve the Church with the means with which the Lord has blessed them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. BROWN,
M. M. KINARD,
JAS. D. KINARD,
W. C. DAVIS,
J. E. COOPER,
JOHN HALL,
CHAS. H. STIEGLITZ.

Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Chairman of Executive Committee of Layman's Missionary Movement, submitted the following, which was received as information, and ordered printed in our minutes:

Report of Laymen's Missionary Movement.

To the United Synod:

The executive committee of the Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement asks leave to submit the following statement in the nature of a report in order to acquaint you with the status and work of the movement.

At a meeting held in Columbia January 20th, 1910, the name was changed to Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United Synod, and the officers of president and vice president were abolished. The offices are now an executive committee, a treasurer, a secretary and a general secretary. The officers are: J. E. Cooper, O. B. Mayer, C. M. Efird and George B. Cromer, executive committee; W. P. Houseal, secretary; Kenneth Baker, treasurer; and the Rev. E. C. Cronk, general secretary. The movement has no regular membership and, therefore, no longer requires a membership fee. Its purpose is to operate through missionary committees appointed in the several congregations by the pastors and church councils. It is the duty of the general secretary to see that these missionary committees are appointed, to assist the pastors in every practicable way to develop and further an interest in all benevolent operations of the church, and to carry on a general campaign of education in the interest of benevolence.

No collections will be taken by the general secretary and no offerings will be asked of any congregation by the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The salary of the general secretary and

expenses of the movement will be paid out of voluntary individual contributions. All moneys raised by the missionary committees will go into the hands of the treasurers of the congregations and will be disbursed through the regular channels of the congregations and synod, as heretofore.

The missionary committees have been advised that it is not our purpose to work exclusively in the interest of foreign missions, but that they should also make a canvass of the members in the several congregations in the interest of home missions as well; and the executive committee assures you that it is not only not the purpose of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to operate independently of the established agencies of the church but that it is our earnest desire to have the pastors control the appointment of the missionary committees, and it is our purpose to co-operate with the boards of missions and our pastors in such a way as shall commend the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to the approval of our official bodies.

The Rev. E. C. Cronk, the general secretary, gave a part of his time to the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement while he was engaged as publication secretary, and since January, 1910, he has given it his full time. He has been making an energetic canvass among our churches and, with the assistance of the pastors, who have given him cordial co-operation, he has been doing effective work. As his work is largely educatonal, it is impossible to estimate its value in dollars and cents; but it is his estimate that reports received from eight congregations, in which missionary committees have made their canvass, show an increased contribution for missions amounting to some $3,500. We quote the following from his report to the executive committee: "A good percentage of the churches now campaigning will make their canvass between this and December 31. You understand that the above are not cash contributions, but pledged.

"If these eight congregations make this much advance it would seem reasonable to expect that the other 50 or more would bring it up to $10,000.00, two-thirds of the amount asked for by the United Synod.

Committees appointed	63
Committees campaigning	55
Pieces of literature sent out	30,260
Basis of circulation	7,225
Committeemen	262

"In most instances I have met with church councils where I have gone, and discussed church finances, and as a result several congregations have adopted the Duplex system and quite a number of others have it under favorable consideration."

There can be no question that the laymen of our Church should take a more active interest in the benevolent operations of the Church. This is true, not only of local congregations but also of the synods. It is the aim of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to stimulate a general interest in missions and other forms of benevolence, and, to this end, to distribute literature and carry on a campaign of education. We trust that this motive will commend itself to the approval of the United Synod and that we may have the value of its influence in our efforts to carry on this great work.

GEO. B. CROMER,
Chairman of Executive Com. L. M. M.

On motion, the Committee on Methods of Practical Co-operation and Fraternal Conference with Other Lutheran Bodies, was instructed to conform to the compact already existing. (See Minutes, 1895, pp. 56-59; 1898, p. 48; 1900, pp. 62-66; 1902, p. 48.)

Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., was cordially welcomed as an advisory member.

Report on Orphan Home debt was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Orphan Home Debt.

Cost of Home	$ 14,500.00
Interest to May 13, 1910	3,420.17
Expense to date	1,303.60
Total to May 13, 1910	19,223.77
Cash paid	18,133.14
Balance to May 13, 1910	$ 1,080.63

RESOURCES.

Pledges unpaid $1,250.00

Your committee does not see immediate prospect of realizing on these pledges, and therefore asks that the United Synod direct the corporation of the Orphan Home to collect the out-

standing subscriptions and provide for the complete liquidation of the debt on the property; and that this committee be discharged.

J. H. WILSON,
L. A. FOX,
CHAS. K. BELL,
L. G. M. MILLER,
Committee.

The report on Literary Institutions was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Literary Institutions.

Catalogues, college journals, and statements from the heads of our literary institutions have been placed before this committee and have been carefully examined. The United Synod has reason to rejoice in the splendid work being done by the excellent, up-to-date colleges of Roanoke, Newberry, Lenoir, Marion, Mont Amoena, Collegiate Institute and some other schools not as closely related to the church officially. At Roanoke an extensive building campaign is well under way. When these plans are realized an entirely new plant, modern in all respects, will have taken the place of the old. Newberry is enjoying the new equipments and departments added recently. At Lenoir a new church has been completed; a new wing to the dormitory for young ladies and a new heating plant have been added. Marion College is to be rebuilt and possibly re-located, giving it an adequate equipment. Mont Amoena Seminary is prospering, and the Collegiate Institute is doing aggressive work. The United Synod is perhaps better supplied with good colleges than any other general body of Lutherans in this country, and they are doing most effective work. They all need larger equipment and much increased endowments in order to do the greater work which is appealing to them. The cause of Christian education demands the constant, prayerful consideration of the Church. This body views the cause in its unity. The need for such a view increases as the unity of the Church grows. That the whole subject of Christian education in the United Synod may receive that continuous and thorough consideration which it deserves, we recommend that a committee of three be appointed to take under consid-

eration the advisability of the creation of a regular Board of Education, to report upon that question at the next meeting of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. GREEVER,
B. S. BROWN,
JACOB UMLAUF,
ENOCH HITE.

The committee recommended in the final paragraph of the report was constituted as follows: Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, and Revs. C. L. Miller and A. D. R. Hancher.

The following received, and request granted:

Resolved, That we express to the United Synod our appreciation of the printing of our minutes under the same cover with those of their meeting, and that we request a continuance of the same favor this year. MRS. E. C. CRONK,
Secretary Woman's Missionary Conference.

The Report on Minutes of last convention of Synod was adopted:

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention of Synod.

Your committee reports as follows:

1. *Item* 5, *Report of Committee on Missions, page* 74. This item contains the following recommendation: "We recommend that each of our boards secure a clear and definite understanding with the corresponding boards of the General Council so that each party may know the rights and claims of the others." Does Synod consider that this recommendation has been sufficiently complied with?

2. We call attention to item 6, Report of Committee on Orphan Home, page 88, which is as follows: We recommend that all the Sunday schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the support of the Home; when suitable, such offerings to be taken during the summer months.

3. We call attention to the standing resolutions of synod, and particularly to those numbered six and eight.

4. We recommend that standing resolution numbered five, *Offerings—How Appropriated*, be amended to read: That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasions of the presentation of the several causes of synod the offerings shall be devoted, unless otherwise ordered, to the cause, or causes, presented.

Respectfuly submitted,

JOHN C. PEERY,
J. K. EFIRD,
J. W. JENNY,
J. P. COOK.

Report of Committee on Church Literature submitted and adopted:

Report of Committee on Church Literature.

We understand that our view of Church Literature is directed exclusively to the United Synod field. We find this field more fruitful than a casual glance might indicate. The past biennum shows no little activity in this department, not only in originality, but in circulating literature in various forms. As characteristic of our Church, the literature is of a conservative and wholesome character. The women of the Church have been forward as a distributing agency for leaflets bearing upon deeper Christian life, and missionary information, the same running up into the tens of thousands.

"The Missionary Program" for the past and current year, together with "Program Helps," gotten out by the literature committee of the Woman's General Conference, have been highly commended, and have attracted the attention and approval of women beyond the bounds of the United Synod.

Our Lutheran Publication Board has sent out from its office the following:

"Japan For Christ," a valuable and finely illustrated book, written by Dr. C. L. Brown.

Five Needs in the Lutheran Church in America, by Dr. W. H. Greever.

A Message of Love, a bronchure, a translation by Dr. Voigt.

Great Epochs in Church History, a booklet of special value to Lutherans, being a collection of articles written by strong men in the church.

Scripture Lessons for the Church Year, by Dr. W. H. Greever—A most serviceable arrangement of Scripture reading for both pastors and parents.

The United Synod Folder, a vest pocket booklet embodying valuable information conveniently arranged.

The Way of the Cross—by Dr. C. A. Miller, a re-publication.

We note also other publications in the interests of our Church work, such as "*Kyushu Gakuin*," by Rev. Stirewalt, in connection with our other missionaries in Japan, from the press of Henkel & Company, and also sundry leaflets by Foreign Mission Board

We note especially the issuance of *The Sunday School Hymnal*, edited by Rev. E. C. Cronk. This is worthy of commendation, as meeting an urgent need among our churches, and we leave further notice of this publication to the special committee to which it has been referred.

The Sunday school literature, so far as helps and text books are concerned, is in a confused state, arising not from any lack of merit of the help themselves, but from the diverse systems used, destroying that uniformity so desirable in this department of our work.

We, therefore, urge that efforts for a common system of Sunday school helps in Bible study, among all our Lutheran people of the general bodies using the English language, be encouraged by our United Synod, and that the co-operation of these general bodies in this direction be encouraged by us.

It is a pleasure to note the attractive appearance of our *Lutheran Church Visitor*, as well as its able editorial management, its conservative as well as aggressive spirit, and its impartial championship of the several interests of the Church, and rejoice that it has attained into a circulation of 5,200.

Our Sunday school and missionary monthly, *Tidings*, is worthy of larger circulation than 6,200, though we cannot but be gratified that it has found its way into so many of our Sunday schools. We commend it to pastors and Sunday school superintendents as having just and most worthy claim upon their favor, as being connected sympathetically with the work of the United Synod, and otherwise well adapted to the needs of the Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HOLLAND,
L. L. LOHR,
C. E. WELTNER,
H. D. DERRICK,
JACOB UMLAUF.

The following were adopted:

Resolved, That the Boards of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions and of Publication shall submit their reports in printed

form at the first session of each convention of the United Synod; and that these reports be referred to appropriate committees at once, and that these be presented in connection with the reports of these committees.

Resolved, That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

Resolved, That Reformation season be adopted as Home Mission period in all our Sunday schools.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby gives expression of its high appreciation of the cordial hospitality extended to it by the pastor and members of this congregation. Also that our thanks be extended to the proper persons for the use of Richmond College chapel, and that these resolutions be read in connection with the public service of this congregation on next Sunday morning.

2. *Resolved*, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be extended to the representatives of the public press for careful reports of its proceedings.

The following committees were appointed:

On Common Sunday School Literature.—Revs. W. H. Greever, D. D., C. A. Miller, D. D., and H. A. McCullough.

On Creation of a Board of Education.—Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, and Revs. C. L. Miller, and A. D. R. Hancher.

On motion, $25 was voted to the Secretary of this Synod for services rendered, and $5 for the sexton of this church.

The Secretary was instructed to have 4,000 copies of the Minutes of this session of the United Synod printed for distribution.

The Board of Publication was authorized to print and supply Parochial Blanks to the Secretaries of Synods, the Secretary to furnish a correct copy for such purpose.

The Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned, to be finally closed after Sunday services.

Prayer by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Twelfth regular Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in the First English Lutheran Church, Richmond, Va., September 6-11, 1910.

S. T. HALLMAN, *Secretary.*

Spartanburg, S. C.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

First English Lutheran Church.—11 a. m., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D.; 8 p. m. Vesper service by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., sermon by Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, and closing of Synod by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D. D., Vice-President of the Synod. The afternoon service by Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, of Japan.

Centenary Methodist.—8 p. m., Rev. M. J. Epting, D. D.

Laurel Street Methodist.—11 a. m., Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

Park Street Methodist.—11 a. m., Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

Union Station Methodist.—11 a. m., Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.; 8 p. m., Rev. T. W. Shealy.

Broad Street Methodist.—8 p. m., Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

Porter Street Presbyterian.—11 a. m., Rev. S. P. Koon.

LIST OF VISITING MINISTERS.

Rev. J. I. Coiner, Lexington, Va.
Rev. C. F. William Hoppe, Charleston, S. C.
Rev. C. R. W. Kegley, Bluefield, W. Va.
Rev. O. C. Petersen, Leesville, S. C.
Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Salem, Va.
Rev. Alfred Ramsey, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Wm. L. Hunton, Ph. D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Kumamoto, Japan.
Rev. Edward Brekhus, Norge, Va.
Rev. J. O. Glenn, New Stanton, Pa.
Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., Springfield, Ohio.
Rev. Fred H. Meuschke, Richmond, Va.
Rev. A. L. Crouse, Charlottesville, Va.
Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D. D., York, Pa.
Rev. F. L. Sigmund, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Allentown, Pa.
Rev. M. A. Ashby, Shenandoah, Va.
Rev. August C. Karkau, Newport News, Va.
Prof. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., Selinsgrove, Pa.
Rev. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Rev. J. J. Scherer, D. D., Marion, Va.
Rev. C. W. Cassell, Stephens City, Va.

Standing Resolutions.

JUNE 26, 1886, TO JULY 15, 1906.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses*: That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled*: That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Accepts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board*: That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled: 1904, p. 117: That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions, (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work. (Note—Modified by the creation of two Boards).

4. 1904, p. 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised*: That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the district synods, beginning with this convention, and that such district synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of his body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

5. 1904, p. 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated*: That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasions of the presentations of the several causes of synod the offerings shall be devoted, unless otherwise ordered, to the cause, or causes, presented.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution*: We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

9. 1904, p. 124. *Divorce*: The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the purview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church cannot but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to inculcate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of

the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps also for willful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, (there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living; therefore, no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God himself—that is, by the death of one of the parties.) The clause in parenthesis is qualified, in fact, nullified by the action of 1908.—Secy.

1908, pp. 45, 46. *Divorce; Qualification*: At the ninth convention of this body a series of propositions on Divorce and Remarriage was submitted for consideration at the following convention (Min. IX. Conv., p. 124). At the last convention these propositions were simply ordered to be reprinted (Min. X. Conv., p. 72).

The United Synod now expresses its judgment in regard to these propositions as follows:

They contain a timely and forceful statement of the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce, now unhappily so widely prevalent. But they require qualification so as to recognize the right of the innocent divorced party to remarry.

The dissolution of the marriage bond for reasons explicitly recognized by our Lord and in Scripture must be regarded as sanctioned by God himself, and the innocent party "is not under bondage in such cases" (I. Cor. 7:15). There is nothing in Scripture to forbid such marriage of the innocent party, for the passages, Matt. 5:32; 19:9 Mk. 10:11, 12; Lu. 16:18, imply that there was no true dissolution of marriage. Accordingly the Smalkald Articles (Jacob's translation, p. 35) declare: "Unjust also is the tradition which forbids an innocent person to marry after divorce."

Charter of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, R. A. Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C., and W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That a meeting of the aforesaid organization held, pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said corporation, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State*, a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid declaration would be filed.

And Whereas, That said Declaration and Petition further declared and affirmed:

First. Their names and residences are as above given.

Second. The name of the proposed corporation is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod.

Third. The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to conduct and manage the work of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, as shall from time to time be authorized and direced by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; the members of the said corporation to be elected by the said United Synod, as its rules shall require. And with the power to acquire, hold, manage, convey and mortgage property, real and personal, as authorized by law.

Fifth. The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows: Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., president; Rev. W. H. Riser, secretary; John M. Rhodes, treasurer.

Sixth. That they desired to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, Therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities conferred by said Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto. GIVEN UNDER My Hand and the Seal of the State, at Columbia, this 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord one (Seal) thousand and nine hundred and nine and in the one hundred and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

R. M. McCOWN,
Secretary of State.

Recorded in office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, for Richland County, S. C., this 17th day of March, 1909, in Corporation Book at page 295 and certified to by J. F. WALKER, C. C. C. P. and G. S.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRD CONVENTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

OF THE

UNITED SYNOD

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Held in Richmond, Va., Sept. 7, 8, 9, 1910.

FIRST SESSION.

CHAPEL OF RICHMOND COLLEGE,
RICHMOND, VA., SEPTEMBER 7, 1910.

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in the Chapel of Richmond College, September 7, 1910 at 10 a. m.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

The Convention was formally opened according to the regular order by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The following officers were present:

President—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Salem, Va.
Vice-President—Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Staunton, Va.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.
Reporting Treasurer—Miss Amelia Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Mrs. J. E. Shenk, Greensboro, N. C.
Mrs. E. A. Shenk, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Mrs. R. C. Holland, Orangeburg, S. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. J. Henry Harms, Newberry, S. C.

Miss Gertrude Simpson, Prosperity, S. C.
Miss Mary Lou Bowers, Newberry, S. C.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. L. A. Fox, Salem, Va.
Mrs. Paul Sieg, Radford, Va.
Miss May Scherer, Marion, Va.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Miss Louie Bible, Parrottsville, Tenn.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Miss Ada Miller, New Market, Va.
Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef, Statesville, N. C.
Mrs. E. A. Stirewalt, Luray, Va.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Mrs. W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. E. L. Folk, Middlebrook, Va.

A chorus of greetings followed the enrollment:

Greetings from the Richmond congregation were given by Miss Helen Schmidt.

The Tennessee Synod was represented by Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef, the Virginia Synod by Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, the Holston Synod by Miss Louie Bible, the Southwest Virginia Synod by Mrs. Paul Sieg, and the Georgia Synod by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Greetings from the women of the General Council were delivered by Mrs. Charles L. Fry of Catasauqua, Pa., and from the women of the General Synod by Miss Sarah I. Van Gundy of Washington, D. C.

The President of the Conference responded to the greetings.

An interesting feature of this session was the introduction of Mrs. E. A. Stirewalt, mother of our Missionary to Japan, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.

The following committees were announced by the president:

On President's Report—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. L. A. Fox, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher.

On Report of Literature Committee—Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. J. Henry Harms, Mrs. E. A. Shenk.

On Resolutions—Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef, Mrs. W. H. Riser.

On Enrollment of Visitors—Miss Mary Lou Bowers, Miss Gertrude Simpson.

The president read her report which was referred to the proper committee.

President's Report.

Dear Sisters in Christ: We come as representatives from eight district synods and from a territory covering as many States. We meet some of us for the first time, and yet we feel that we are indeed sisters in Him, for have we not one aim and one purpose? Differences of opinion we may have, and that is well, for in a multitude of counsellors there is safety, yet we are united in Him having the mind and spirit of Christ. Without this oneness of spirit, no matter how wisely we may seem to plan for the future our meeting together will have been in vain.

As we look back over the past two years, we realize that although the church as a whole, and we as members of the missionary societies have not fulfilled the obligations assumed at Savannah, yet there are many causes for thanksgiving.

The funds for the kindergarten building were promptly raised. Our mission work in Japan has gone steadily forward, and the opportunities before us there seem boundless. The home mission churches, too, have made commendable progress. The Laymen's Movement in the United Synod has taken definite shape and our women's societies have shown a steady increase in membership and contributions. Let us render praise and thanksgiving unto Him to whom alone it is due.

OUR MISSION BOARDS.

An impression seems to prevail in some quarters that the women's societies are devoted almost wholly to foreign missions. This assertion seems to me to be unfair and untrue. An examination of the minutes of the different organizations will show that the funds are fairly and equally divided between home and foreign work. The work of the church is one and we owe no divided allegiance, and we would assure our mission boards of our sincere desire to co-operate with them to the full extent of our ability.

GREETINGS.

We extend most cordial greetings to our representative from Japan, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt. He is among us, as has been said, not on a furlough, but on a mission, and we would assure him of our most heartfelt interest in this mission. It gives us great pleasure to have with us as well the general secretary of the Laymen's Movement in the United Synod. We have no fears that the laymen will leave nothing for the women to do. We have always felt keenly our financial limitations, and we look to the laymen to do those great things that we have hoped and dreamed and longed to be able to do. There is work for all of us and some we feel that only the women can do.

OUR DAY OF PRAYER.

At the first meeting of our Conference the first day of Lent was adopted as a day of special prayer for our mission and missionaries. As many of our societies observe the following week as a week of prayer, would it not be wise to change the day to the second Wednesday in Lent, thus bringing it within the week of prayer? The Literature Committee in preparing the week-of-prayer topics can then reserve the Wednesday afternoon of that week for the special subject of missions. The more we think and plan and study about missions the more we feel that without prayer our labor will be in vain. We may sow and water, but only God can give the increase.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

At our last meeting the Conference expressed the wish that the present arrangement with the editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, by which we receive a certain amount of space weekly for a Woman's Missionary Department, be continued. If any changes are contemplated in this department they should receive careful consideration and no action should be taken without due conference with the editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*.

In my own mind only a few points are clear. 1. We owe a heavy debt of gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, who for years has done practically the whole work of the department. 2. That we are likewise indebted to the editor of the *Visitor* for his generosity in the matter of space, frequently giving more than the amount promised.

This indebtedness we can in some measure repay by making the department as attractive and interesting as possible, and by using our influence to extend the circulation of the *Visitor*.

3. That at present the missionary societies are not strong enough to warrant them in undertaking a separate publication on their own responsibility.

OUR GENERAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

At the meeting in Savannah our Literature Committee was reorganized on a different basis. A central committee of three being located at or near the same place, with an advisory member in each synodical society. This committee has done faithful work and the unexpected demand for our publications outside our own territory is a matter for congratulation. The synodical societies have cheerfully appropriated the funds necessary for the support of this committee and I believe they have found it money well invested. The report of the committee will give details of the work.

I recommend the continuation of this committee on the present basis and the reappointment of the same central committee, as experience is a valuable asset in this work.

OUR THANK OFFERING FUND.

I find that much confusion exists in the minds of many in regard to this fund. To go into details here would lengthen this report unnecessarily. Therefore I recommend:

1. That a full and definite statement be made before the Conference as to the history, aim and object of this fund.

2. That our Literature Committee be instructed to prepare a leaflet on the Thank-Offering fund for free distribution, the same to be paid for out of the fund if necessary.

3. That we use every effort to increase the fund by special offerings in order that we may repay the Board of Foreign Missions the money advanced for the Saga home, and that no new object for this fund be specified until this amount has been paid.

4. That the home mission half of this fund be devoted to United Synod Home Missions.

5. That a Thank-Offering Secretary be reappointed.

MISSION STUDY CLASSES.

It gives us great pleasure to have with us at our Conference, Miss Sarah Van Gundy, of Washington, D. C., who will conduct the mission study classes. We, all of us, appreciate this opportunity to hear one who has given much time and thought to this work. I have not yet heard of a mission study class that failed

utterly, and I have heard of some which succeeded under most adverse conditions. Never before in the history of missions has it been possible for the Christian world to have so clear an understanding of the whole problem involved. The material for study is easily obtainable and the mission study class has become an important factor in our work. But what are we going to do with our knowledge? Shall we close the eyes of our understanding to the conclusions which such study forces upon us?

If we take our stand by Christ and try to "view the world of men from this high vantage ground" we cannot but share Christ's vision of a world which groaneth and travaileth together until he shall appear. And "he who shares Christ's vision shares His work." This vision constitutes our commission to be one of His "sent ones." He will show us where we shall be of most use to Him, whether at home or abroad, because we have not chosen Him, but He hath chosen us. Dare we, any of us, be disobedient to this heavenly vision?

MRS. WYTHE F. MOREHEAD.

An interesting discussion on Mission Study was conducted by Miss Sarah I. Van Gundy. The session was closed by singing, The Church's One Foundation.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

The session was opened by prayer led by Rev. E. A. Shenk.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, editor of *Lutheran Mission Work,* was read by the president.

Rev. W. H. Greever, editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and manager of the Board of Publication, brought greetings from our Publication Board and gave to each member of the Conference a souvenir issued from our new printing plant.

Greetings from our Japan workers were delivered by the Children's Missionary, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt of Kumamoto, Japan.

An offering of $14.86 was made to be used in defraying incidental expenses of the Conference, balance to go toward the fund for the Missionary Exhibit.

The time of Thursday's session was changed from the morning to the afternoon in order to give the delegates an opportunity to attend the session of United Synod.

The following visitors were enrolled as advisory members:

Mrs. R. T. Hopkins, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Mrs. C. R. W. Kegley, Bluefield, W. Va.
Mrs. M. L. Rudisill, Cherryville, N. C.
Mrs. W. S. Wunder, Mt. Jackson, Va.
Mrs. Edw. Brekhus, Norge, Va.
Mrs. G. H. Cox, Glass, N. C.
Mrs. Geo. W. Holland, Newberry, S. C.
Miss Mattie Akard, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. J. C. Seegers, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer, Greeneville, Tenn.
Mrs. Sarah I. Van Gundy, Washington, D. C.

The General Literature Committee submitted their report, which was received and referred to committee.

Report of General Literature Committee.

Your committee went into office two years ago with no capital except a rich store of inexperience.

The two years' term of service has convinced us of the great opportunities and possibilities of the work.

Information is the key to interest, and missionary literature is the inner key to missionary information.

Through the monthly meetings is the best opportunity of reaching the auxiliaries. The interest and helpfulness of these meetings depend largely on the programs and helps supplied the societies. There is no reaping without the sowing of seed and there is no surer nor more bountiful harvest than that which is guaranteed by the distribution of good missionary literature.

During the year 1909 so many calls for leaflets and program helps were received that it was decided to prepare for the year 1910, packages containing programs, and leaflets suitable for readings. These packages were prepared and taken to all of the conventions, with a proposition to furnish them to all of the societies. We received the hearty support of all of the synodical societies, each of which made an appropriation for this purpose, which enabled us to offer these packages free to all the auxiliaries, including those not connected with any synodical organization. The sale of these programs and leaflets to other societies and denominations has been greater than our greatest expectations, and has convinced us that there is great opportunity for the enlargement of our work.

During the biennuim the Thank-Offering boxes, which had been prepared and contracted for by the former committee, have been printed and eight thousand have been distributed.

The Board of Foreign Missions provided us with ten thousand boxes for the ingathering of funds among the children for the support of the Children's Missionary. These boxes have all been distributed. If the Conference wishes another edition, this convention should request the Board of Foreign Missions to furnish them.

We make grateful acknowledgement of the kindness of our Board of Publication in attending to the mailing of these boxes without charge.

Six thousand Week of Prayer envelopes were issued, and reports show the largest observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-denial in our history.

The Constitution for Woman's Societies, adopted by the Savannah Conference, have been printed and given free circulation.

Five hundred copies of the programs for 1910 were issued and proved an insufficient supply for the demand.

The following leaflets have been issued from new manuscript: "A Plea for the Twelve," "The Third Prayer," "The Diary of One Member for Last Year," "My Christmas Thank-Offering."

Through the courtesy of the author, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, and of the South Carolina Synodical Literature Committee, reprints were made of "Love's Offering," and "Aunt Dinah's Starry Crown."

We incorporate the two financial statements following:

STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 1910.

Receipts from sales of literature		$119.50
Expenditures.		
Postage	$29.13	
Paid other Boards for tracts	48.51	
Paid to Treasurer on literature sales	34.91	
Balance on hand Sept. 1,	6.95	
Total	$119.50	
Tracts Printed.		
No. of tracts printed from new manuscripts		11,500
Reprints		4,000
Total		15,500

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
Secretary of Literature.

Report of Treasurer of the General Literature Committee for Biennium Ending Sept. 1, 1910.

Receipts.

From S. C. Synodical Society	$ 55.00
From N. C. Synodical Society	45.00
From S. W. Va. Synodical Society	40.00
From Holston Synodical Society	4.95
From Georgia Synod Mission Committee	18.00
From Literature Sec. on sales of literature	34.91
Total Receipts	$197.86
Total Disbursements	$167.38
Balance on hand	$ 30.48

Disbursements.

To purchase of 1908 Programs from former Committee	$ 9.75
To Purchase of Leaflets from other Boards	6.33
To Printing	136.57
To Thank-Offering Boxes	10.50
To Postage, Express and Freight	4.23
Total	$167.38

AMELIA HABENICHT, Treas.
General Literature Committee.

Manuscript for the programs and leaflets for 1911 has been prepared. It was the expectation of the committee to have them printed by the first of August.

We delayed publication for two reasons.

1st. It was our wish to have them issued from the newly installed press of our own Publication Board.

2nd. Because of the possibility of arrangements being made to supply the missionary societies of the General Council with our programs.

These two causes of delay are of more than usual significance to our work. Our printing plant means much for the future of our work because of the willingness of the management to aid us in the issuing of literature at lowest possible cost.

We are glad to report that it is practically assured that the General Council societies will adopt our programs for next year. We trust this is a forecast of a co-operation in literature which shall mean much for both bodies in the future.

Much interest in literature for children's societies has been manifested. A constitution has been prepared which will be submitted at this meeting.

It is the expectation of the committee to have ready for the work of the year 1911, packages of literature for leaders of children's societies.

One of the greatest needs of our work is more literature, especially more free literature. We appeal to our women who are gifted writers to use their talents in producing missionary literature, and we appeal to our women who are gifted with money to make contributions for the purpose of circulating such literature.

During the last biennium the Literature Committee of the General Synod Society distributed 44,000 free tracts.

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude, the very helpful courtesies and advice given our committee by Miss Sallie M. Protzman, Literature Secretary of the General Synod Society.

It would be of untold advantage if a co-operative literature committee could be appointed, consisting of one representative from the General Synod, one from the General Council, and one from the United Synod of the South. We recommend that this convention take the first step in this direction.

We call the attention of the Conference to the fact that we have not officially adopted and put on sale an order of service. We recommend that some action be taken in this direction, either adopting the United Service prepared by the Southwest Virginia Committee, if arrangements can be made to secure the edition now on hand, or else that a new order be published.

With the firm conviction that the amount of the contributions made for the cause of missions depends in large measure on the amount of missionary literature circulated, we ask for the most generous contributions possible for this work.

MRS. KATE EARGLE,
MISS AMELIA HABENICHT,
MRS. E. C CRONK,
General Literature Committee.

Rev. W. H. Greever led the Conference in a closing prayer.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2:30 P. M.

The session was begun with a devotional service conducted by the President.

The Corresponding Secretary made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.	
Woman's Societies	45
Membership	1439
Children's Societies and Cradle Rolls	25
Total Contributions	$7,215.78
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.	
Woman's Societies	34
Membership	615
Children's Societies	14
Total Contributions	$3,092.21
VIRGINIA SYNOD.	
Woman's Societies	8
Contributions	$1,049.18
HOLSTON SYNOD.	
Woman's Societies	15
Contributions	$ 463.75
NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.	
Woman's Societies	53
Young People's Societies	7
Total Membership	1890
Children's Societies	34
Membership	1190
Total Contributions	$8,687.32
TENNESSEE SYNOD.	
Woman's Societies	7
Membership	479
Young People's Societies	7
Membership	412
Children's Societies	4
Membership	174
Total Contributions	$218.50
GEORGIA SYNOD.	
Women's Societies	
Membership	284
Young People's Societies	5
Membership	252
Children's Societies	
Membership	465
Total Contributions	$578.91

FANNIE M. BRINGMAN,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Reporting Treasurer made the following report which was received and adopted:

Report of Reporting Treasurer.

TOTAL OFFERINGS FROM WOMAN'S AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES FOR BIENNIUM 1908-1910.

North Carolina to Aug. 1910	$8,687.32
South Carolina to Sept. 1910	7,215.78
S. W. Virginia to Aug. 1910	3,092.21
Holston to Aug. 1910	463.75
Georgia to Sept. 1910	578.91
Virginia to Aug. 1910	1,049.18
Tennessee to Aug. 1910	218.50
	$21,305.65

AMELIA HABENICHT,
Reporting Treasurer.

The Thank-Offering Secretary read the following report:

Report of Thank-Offering Secretary.

THANK OFFERING FOR BIENNIUM 1908-1910.

North Carolina to Aug. 1910	$1,577.14
South Carolina to Sept. 1910	2,661.70
S. W. Virginia to Aug. 1910	377.07
Holston to Aug. 1910	27.42
Georgia to Sept. 1910	305.90
Virginia to Sept. 1910	22.00
Tennessee (no report).	
Total	$4,971.23

AMELIA HABENICHT,
Thank-Offering Secretary.

Report adopted.

It was moved and carried that election of officers be by uninstructed ballot.

The election resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Salem, Va.
1st Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Staunton, Va.
2d Vice-President, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Columbia, S. C.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.

Reporting Treasurer and Thank-Offering Secretary, Miss Amelia Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., President of the United Synod, brought greetings of that body to the Conference.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the constitution, and present it at the next meeting.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we express to the United Synod our appreciation of the printing of our minutes under the same cover with the United Synod minutes last year, and that we request a continuance of the same favor this year.

The Committee on Report of General Literature Committee submitted its report which was received and considered by items.

Report of Committee on General Literature Committee's Report.

We commend the Literature Committee for the excellent report rendered and rejoice that their work has prospered.

We urge the Synodical Societies to increase their appropriations as rapidly as the work demands.

We recommend:

1st. That the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to again furnish boxes for the use of our children's societies.

2nd. That we heartily commend the recommendation of the committee that this Conference take the first step towards a co-operative literature committee by appointing a member from the United Synod and urging the General Council and the General Synod each to appoint one.

3rd. That action be taken towards the adoption of an order of service.

MRS. J. G. BRINGMAN,
MRS. J. H. HARMS,
MRS. E. A. SHENK.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Moved and carried to adopt the United Service, published by the Literature Committee of the Southwest Virginia Synodical Society, provided satisfactory arrangements

can be made by the General Literature Committee for the transfer of the present edition.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The President appointed Mrs. E. C. Cronk as representative from the United Synod on Cooperative Literature Committee.

It was moved and carried to postpone the Mission Study Class until 5 o'clock, in order to take up discussion of the President's Report.

The Committee on President's Report submitted the following report, which was received and considered by items:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The report of our President comes into our hands bearing the stamp of official fidelity and active service in the conduct of the Woman's Missionary Conference.

We call your attention to the following items requiring your consideration:

1st. Inasmuch as the first day of Lent, or Ash Wednesday, was adopted at the first Woman's Conference held at Dallas, and because of the fact that we need constantly to increase, rather than diminish our prayer days and seasons, we would urge that no change shall be made in this day of prayer.

2. That we heartily endorse the President's recommendation concerning our Woman's Department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, and urge that this Conference shall definitely and carefully discuss any possible plans for better and more effective service along this line.

3. We recommend the adoption of the item concerning the work of our Literature Committee as a whole.

4. That the Thank-Offering to the Forward Movement Fund be so fully discussed and explained at this conference as to make the mistakes of the past improbable for the future.

5. We recommend and encourage most heartily the organization of mission study classes, *wherever* possible, and suggest that to this phase of work many of the women here present should give their personal service. This work, properly developed, will prove the "missing link" between the children's society and that of the adults. As a means of interesting the young men and women of the church, it is an invaluable aid. We would express sincere appreciation of Miss Van Gundy's excellent and helpful suggestions in this line of work.

We call this Conference to a thoughtful recognition of the obligation due our President for past intelligent and willing service. Let us express this appreciation by climbing with her those heights from which the vision will glorify every future task.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. L. A. FOX,
MRS. A. D. R. HANCHER.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted, followed by free discussion. A motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to discuss plans with the editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and make recommendations. The committee appointed consisted of Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. J. H. Harms and Mrs. E. A. Shenk. Consideration of report was suspended for the Mission Study Class period.

The Conference gave Miss Van Gundy a rising vote of thanks for her work.

Mrs. E. L. Stratford, of the Baptist Missionary Union of the city of Richmond, extended the greetings of her organization.

Rev. R. C. Holland, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, presented to the Conference a number of copies of "Japan for Christ," which were received with thanks.

Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., of Philadelphia, Pa., pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Miss Gertrude Simpson. Informal greetings from North Carolina were given by Mrs. R. C. Holland, who presented the following resolution from the young people of North Carolina:

Resolved, That the young people of the several synods place a memorial room in the Japan mission school, at a cost of not less than $500, and not exceeding $1,000, the exact amount to be determined by the gifts from the young people.

After full discussion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we endorse the movement of the young people of North Carolina to raise $1,000 for a memorial room in the Japan school and heartily recommend that the matter be brought before the young people of the United Synod.

It was moved and carried that one member of each delegation be appointed to take charge of this work in her own territory.

The President made the following appointments for the different synods:

South Carolina, Miss Gertrude Simpson.

Virginia, Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher.

Tennessee, Miss Ada Miller, Mrs. J. H. Dingelhoef, Miss Mattie Frick.

Southwestern Virginia, Miss May Scherer.

Holston, Miss Louie Bible.

Georgia, Miss Georgia Kuck.

Rev. Dr. Ramer, Superintendent of the Slav Mission Work of the General Council, was introduced, and spoke of the needs of the work among foreign-born Lutherans in our territory.

The discussion of President's Report was resumed.

The following recommendations concerning Item 2 were brought in by Committee on Woman's Department in the *Lutheran Church Visitor:*

1. That it is the judgment of the Conference that it is not wise to attempt a separate publication at present.
2. That an advisory Editorial Board be appointed to cooperate with the management of the *Lutheran Church Visitor,*
3. That in order to do effective work this committee shall be constituted of persons living in or near Columbia, S. C.
4. That this committee shall be elected at each meeting of this Conference.
5. That the chairman of the advisory Editorial Board be the Editor-in-chief of the Woman's Missionary Department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor.*

The report was adopted by items.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synodical Societies be requested to furnish money to cover expenses of editor of Woman's Department to their conventions.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Discussed freely, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That the Thank-Offering Fund be designated and understood to be a thank-offering for the Home Mission work and the Japan work of the United Synod.

Resolved, That the foreign part of our Thank-Offering be devoted to the school in Japan after the Saga Home obligation has been met.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted by rising vote.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The constitution for Children's Society was read and discussed, and referred to a committee consisting of Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. L. A. Fox and Mrs. J. Henry Harms.

Miss Gertrude Simpson addressed the Conference on the subject of Field Work.

A paper on Deaconess Work was read by Miss Mary Lou Bowers.

Delegates to the general bodies were elected as follows:

To General Council Federation, Mrs. E. C. Cronk. To General Synod Convention, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, 1. That we express to the people of the First English Lutheran church, of Richmon,d Va., our sincere appreciation of the kind hospitality extended to us while in their midst.

Resolved, 2. That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to the congregation of the First English Lutheran church for the printing of the programs furnished us.

Resolved, 3. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt for his services in securing a collection of curios for this body.

Resolved, 4. That we thank Mrs. C. L. Fry, of the General Council and Miss Van Gundy, of the General Synod for their words of greeting and encouragement extended to us.

Resolved, 5. That we thank the Board of Foreign Missions for furnishing the children's boxes and the Board of Publication for mail'ng the Thank-Offering boxes.

Resolved, 6. That we thank the daily papers of Richmond for the courtesies shown us.

MRS. J. H. DINGELHOEF,
MRS. W. H. RISER.

The session was closed by a devotional service led by the Secretary.

The closing prayer was led by Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
SECRETARY.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS UNITED SYNOD—1910

Index Number.	SYNODS.	When Organized.	PAROCHIAL																			FINANCES		
								LOSSES			ACCESSIONS													
			Ministers.	Churches.	Stations.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	By Death.	By Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Baptized Members.	Confirmed Members.	Total Membership.	Increase Confirmed Members Since Last U. S.	Decrease Confirmed Members Since Last U. S.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	All Local Expenses by the Congregation.
1	North Carolina	1803	47	67	..	15	978	148	155	190	434	30	284	210	10	3770	8977	12747	71	.....	$ 479367	$ 16549 00	$ 51672 40
2	Tennessee	1820	48	130	..	5	1452	150	125	178	653	....	525	157	..	5601	11063	16664	213	.....	294176	.....	30910 67
3	South Carolina	1824	49	77	2	8	606	152	152	68	418	60	325	206	22	3156	11080	14236	777	.....	501508	29197 58	42072 85
4	Virginia*	1829	32	59	3	9	264	82	52	87	139	83	145	82	11	6504	6066	12570	.....	3	305200	76726 67	13553 14
5	S. W. Virginia	1842	32	68	..	2	222	75	58	100	114	67	112	165	1	6495	4996	11491	178	.....	243020	12215 00	3347 00
6	Mississippi	1855	6	13	..	1	....	2	1	....	5	6	9	1	..	640	815	1455	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Georgia	1860	13	22	2	1	168	29	18	1	121	19	105	57	..	1444	3559	5003	232	.....	246800	8587 00	20503 00
8	Holston	1861	8	25	..	1	195	25	12	10	65	13	70	13	..	683	1605	2288	.....	45	54760	853 38	6090 31
	8 Synods		235	461	7	42	3885	663	573	634	1949	278	1575	891	44	28293	48161	76454	1471	48	$2124825	$ 72024 63	$168149 37

*From Minutes of 1909.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS UNITED SYNOD—1910—CONCLUDED

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS					Y. P. SOCIETIES			BENEVOLENCE													
	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Local Expenses By the Schools.	Benevolence By the Schools.	Number of Members.	Local Expenses By Societies.	Benevolence By Societies.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Theological Seminary and Colleges.	Ministerial Education.	W. H. & F. M. Societies.	Pastor's Fund.	Orphan Home.	Aid Societies.	External Objects.	Total Local Expenses.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	56	714	7091	$ 3021 40	$1170 95	3364	$3237 20	$1281 39	$ 852 70	$1854 06	$1093 20	$1631 45	$ 459 70	$ 536 70	$2676 05	$ 38 30	$1018 85	$ 289 30	$ 680 00	$ 57931 00	$ 12114 65	$ 70045 65
2	86	736	6548	.....	.....	277	.....	.....	1019 30	365 66	832 57	.....	472 68	800 00	.....	100 00	659 30	.....	1144 43	30910 67	5393 54	36304 21
3	63	636	5195	2391 09	1287 81	487	.....	165 00	2229 48	1220 04	683 85	545 98	936 96	901 17	2500 79	113 75	531 03	843 29	.....	53780 47	14571 53	68352 00
3	50	600	4154	2240 81	1146 65	1129	1833 85	285 32	341 07	2202 22	3094 63	32 00	151 85	154 50	631 10	217 77	930 33	.....	989 44	17627 80	10176 88	27804 68
5	60	612	3882	1501 81	477 57	222	269 73	32 98	111 17	1188 17	948 20	523 72	337 98	90 74	1231 05	523 72	96 01	.....	.....	5118 11	5561 31	10679 42
6	6	39	251	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	51 90	50 00	50 00	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	263 90	263 90
7	17	253	1807	2843 00	549 00	252	.....	239 00	975 00	1278 00	446 00	355 00	693 00	275 00	851 00	.....	227 00	116 00	.....	24702 00	6223 00	30925 00
8	16	104	795	125 50	73 50	178	.....	300 15	99 50	747 85	176 49	11 00	22 26	.....	.....	.....	98 00	.....	147 60	6215 81	1676 35	7892 16
	354	3694	29723	$12123 18	$4717 48	5909	$5340 78	$2303 84	$5674 12	$8906 00	$7324 94	$1631 15	$3174 43	$2758 11	$7889 99	$993 54	$3560 52	$1248 59	$2961 47	$196285 86	$ 55891 16	$252266 92

STATISTICS OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD

PROF. J. T. CRABTREE, Superintendent

LOCATION.	When Established.	INMATES				No. Graduated.	Losses in Two Yrs			FINANCES			
		T'ch'rs & Ass'ts.	Male Children.	Female Childr'n.	Total.	Additions Past 2 Yrs.	Death.	Otherwise.	Total.	Estimated Value of All Property.	Gifts in Kind for Two Years.	Gifts in Cash for Two Years.	Total.
Salem, Va.	1888	7	38	48	93	4	22	1	6	7	$40000 00	$1200 00	$11537 70	$12737 70

MISSIONS OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

No. of Missions.	Name of Mission.	Location.	District Synod.	Name of Pastor.	Appropriations by the Board			
					For Lot.	For Building.	For Support. Annual.	Total.
1	Greeneville	Tennessee	Holston	Vacant			$ 250 00	$ 250 00
2	Morristown	Tennessee	Holston	Vacant			200 00	200 00
3	Bristol	Tennessee	S. W. Virginia	J. W. Link			250 00	250 00
4	Bluefield	West Virginia	S. W. Virginia	C. R. W. Kegley			240 00	240 00
5	Graham	Virginia	S. W. Virginia	C. R. W. Kegley				
6	Radford	Virginia	S. W. Virginia	Paul Sieg			190 00	190 00
7	Pulaski	Virginia	S. W. Virginia	Vacant				
8	Spartanburg	South Carolina	South Carolina	S. T. Hallman			120 00	120 00
9	Olympia Mills	South Carolina	South Carolina	C. E. Weltner			200 00	200 00
10	Louisville	Mississippi	Mississippi	Vacant			180 00	180 00
11	Greensboro	North Carolina	North Carolina	J. E. Shenk	$4000 00		381 00	4681 00
12	Lenoir	North Carolina	Tennessee	J. A. Yount		$2000 00	400 00	2400 00
13	Brunswick	Georgia	Georgia	S. L. Nease		3000 00		3000 00
14	Lexington	North Carolina	North Carolina	V. Y. Boozer		500 00		500 00
	14 Missions	6 States	7 District Synods	7 Pastors	$4000 00	$5500 00	$2711 00	$12211 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

No. of Missions.	NAME OF MISSION.	When Established.	Location of Mission.	PASTOR.	No. of Members.	S. S. Members.	Church Lots.	Church Houses.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Appropriations for Support		
											By the United Synod.	By the District Synod.	Total.
1	Woman's Memorial	1907	High Point, N. C.	M. L. Canup	53	55	1	1	....	$ 8162 00	.....	$ 300 00	$ 300 00
2	Greensboro	1907	Greensboro, N. C.	J. E. Shenk	24	....	1	....	....	4000 00	$ 681 00		681 00
3	St. Mark's	1907	Mooresville, N. C.	J. L. Morgan	30	....	1	1	1	6000 00	.....	1000 00	1000 00
4	Emanuel	1907	Landis, N. C.	J. L. Morgan	39	115	1	1	....	2500 00			
5	Christ Church	1870	Spencer, N. C.	R. A. Goodman	96	80	1	1	1	3500 00	.....	130 00	130 00
6	Calvary	1905	Spencer, N. C.	R. A. Goodman	23	27	1	....	....	350 00			
7	First Church	1905	Lexington, N. C.	V. Y. Boozer	67	61	1	1	1	12100 00	.....	300 00	300 00
8	St. Andrew's	1893	Concord, N. C.	C. R. Pless	142	135	1	1	1	5000 00	.....	67 50	67 50
9	Mt. Hermon	1881	Cabarrus Co., N. C.	C. R. Pless	76	33	1	1	....	500 00			
10	Lebanon	1893	Barber, N. C.	T. C. Parker	64	64	1	1	1	2500 00			
11	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C.	T. C. Parker	39	....	1	1	1	545 00	.....	108 00	108 00
12	St. Matthew's	1847	Mocksville, N. C.	T. C. Parker	44	35	1	1	....	900 00			
13	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hall, N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	91	70	1	1	1	1800 00			
14	Bethany	1889	Stokes Co., N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	36	71	1	1	....	800 00	.....	189 00	189 00
15	Shiloh	....	Forsyth Co., N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	48	45	1	1	....	1000 00			
	15 Missions	....	8 Pastorates	8 Pastors	872	791	15	13	6	$49657 00	$681 00	$2094 50	$2775 50

HOME MISSIONS OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD

1	St. James'	1905	Brunswick, Ga.	S. L. Nease	42	23	1	....	....	$1000 00	.....	.....	.....
2	St. Paul	....	Fitzgerald, Ga.		13	....	1	1	....	1000 00	.....	$ 200 00	$ 200 00
3	Haralson	....	Haralson, Ga.	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	3 Missions	....	3 Pastorates	1 Pastor	13	....	2	1	....	$1000 00	.....	$ 200 00	$ 200 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD

No. of Missions.	NAME OF MISSION.	When Established.	LOCATION OF MISSION.	PASTOR.	No. of Members.	S. S. Members.	Church Lot.	Church House.	Parsonage.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Appropriations for Support		
											By United Synod	By the District Synod.	Total.
1	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C.	S. T. Hallman	47	25	1	1	....	$120000 00	$ 120 00	$ 500 00	$ 620 00
2	Greenwood	1902	Greenwood, S. C.	S. T. Hallman	16	27	1	1	....	3500 00			
3	St. James'	....	Sumter, S. C.	E. H. Kohn	56	44	1	1	....	6000 00	.....	180 00	180 00
4	St. Luke's	....	Columbia, S. C.	C. E. Weltner	95	167	1	1	1	4000 00	200 00	500 00	700 00
5	Trinity	....	Saluda Co., S. C.	N. D. Bodie	88	34	1	1	1	1000 00	.....	200 00	200 00
6	Mt. Pleasant	....	Saluda, S. C.	N. D. Bodie	38	47	1	1	1	3000 00			
7	Orange Chapel	....	Springfield, S. C.	W. H. Hiller	33	23	1	1	....	2000 00	.....	25 00	25 00
8	Mayer Memorial	....	Newberry, S. C.	J. D. Shealy	114	82	1	1	....	1500 00	.....	180 00	180 00
9	First Church	....	Greenville, S. C.	Vacant	28	19	....	....	....	.....	.....	120 00	120 00
10	Silver Street	....	Silver Street, S. C.	S. P. Koon	32	36	1	1	....	2500 00	.....	100 00	100 00
11	St. Nicholas	....	Barnwell Co., S. C.	W. B. Aull	65	34	1	1	....	1000 00	.....	300 00	300 00
12	Fairfax	....	Barnwell Co., S. C.	W. B. Aull	21	....	1	1	....	1600 00			
	12 Missions	....	9 Pastorates	8 Pastors	633	538	11	11	3	38100 00	$320 00	$2105 00	$2425 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD

1	Gap Creek	1897	Watauga Co., N. C.	H. A. Kistler	13	....	....	....	....	.....			
2	Mt. Pleasant	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	H. A. Kistler	67	39	1	1	....	$ 13000 00			
3	Mt. zion	1896	Watauga Co., N. C.	H. A. Kistler	24	34	1	1	....	775 00	.....	$ 200 00	$ 200 00
4	Holy Communion	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	H. A. Kistler	43	28	1	1	....	.....			
5	Blowing Rock	1904	Watauga Co., N. C.	H. A. Kistler	19	....	1	1	....	.....			
6	Morning Star	....	Union Co., N. C.	R. H. Cline	40	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	250 00	250 00
7	St. Luke's	....	Union Co., N. C.	R. H. Cline	24	....	....	....	....	.....			
8	Emmanuel	....	Davidson Co., N. C.	A. L. Boliek	73	....	1	1	....	600 00	.....	.....	.....
9	Lenoir	1908	Lenoir, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	50	....	....	....	....	.....	400 00	800 00	1200 00
10	West Hickory	1908	Hickory, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	40	120	....	....	....	.....			
11	Bethel	....	Manassas, Va.	J. K. Efird	67	60	1	1	1	5500 00	.....	315 00	315 00
12	Trinity	....	Manassas, Va.	J. K. Efird	25	41	1	1	....	700 00			
	12 Missions	....	5 Pastorates	5 Pastors	585	322	7	6	2	$8875 00	$400 00	$1565 00	$1965 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE HOLSTON SYNOD

1	Greeneville	....	Greeneville, Tenn.	.....	27	32	1	1	....	$ 2500 00	$ 230 00	$ 200 00	$ 450 00
2	Holy Trinity	....	Morristown, Tenn.	.....	38	40	1	1	....	3000 00	200 00	.....	200 00
	2 Missions	....	2 Pastorates	No Pastors	65	72	2	2	....	$5500 00	$400 00	$250 00	$650 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD

No. of Missions.	NAME OF MISSION.	when Established.	LOCATION OF MISSION.	PASTOR.	No. of Members.	S. S. Members.	Church Lots.	Church Houses.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Appropriations for Support		
											By the United Synod.	By the District Synod	Total.
1	St. Peter's	....	Wardensville, W. Va..	C. W. Hepner	....	....	1	1	1	.....	.....		
2	Hebron	....	Wardensville, W. Va..	C. W. Hepner	....	....	1	1	....	.....	.....		
3	Fairview	....	Wardensville, W. Va..	C. W. Hepner	173	135	1	1	....	$ 5700 00	.....	$ 150 00	$ 150 00
4	Trout Run	....	Wardensville, W. Va..	C. W. Hepner	....	....	1	1	....	.....			
5	Muhlenberg	....	Harrisonburg, Va.	Vacant	79	75	1	1	....	6270 00	.....	500 00	500 00
6	St. Peter's	....	Churchville, Va.	W. W. J. Ritchie	47	75	1	1	1	2000 00	.....	125 00	125 00
7	Pleasant View	....	Churchville, Va.	W. W. J. Ritchie	82	92	1	1	....	1000 00	.....	150 00	150 00
8	Trinity	....	Buena Vista, Va.	J. G. Graichen	30	20	1	1	....	9500 00	.....	50 00	50 00
9	Grace	....	Waynesboro, Va.	J. G. Graichen	105	66	1	1	1	9500 00	.....	100 00	100 00
10	Frieden's	....	Rockingham Co., Va..	Geo. E. Shuey	67	134	1	1	1	2000 00			
11	St. John's	....	Bridgewater, Va.	Geo. E. Shuey	59	71	1	1	1	2500 00	.....	75 00	75 00
12	Trinity	....	Rockingham Co., Va..	Geo. E. Shuey	26	....	1	1	....	900 00			
13	Portsmouth	1908	Portsmouth, Va.	J. W. Shuey	53	32	1	1	....	10000 00	.....	900 00	900 00
	13 Missions	....	6 Pastorates	5 Pastors	721	700	13	13	5	$49470 00	.....	$2050 00	$2050 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SYNOD

1	Goodman	....	Goodman, Miss.	.....	75	50	1	1	....	$ 3500 00	$ 180 00	.....	$ 180 00
2	Louisville	....	Louisville, Miss.	.....	15	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2 Missions	....	2 Pastorates	No Pastors	90	50	1	1	....	$ 3500 00	$ 180 00	.....	$ 180 00

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD

No. of Missions.	NAME OF MISSION.	When Established.	LOCATION OF MISSION.	PASTOR.	No. of Members.	S. S. Members.	Church Lots.	Church Houses.	Parsonages.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Appropriations for Support		
											By the United Synod.	By the District Synod.	Total.
1	Church of Redeemer..	1903	Bristol, Tenn.....	Rev. J. W. Link...	64	46	1	1	....	$ 12000 00	$ 250 00	$ 200 00	$ 450 00
2	Immanuel.....	1889	Bluefield, W. Va.....	C. R. W. Kegley..	43	56	1	1	1	8000 00	300 00	400 00	700 00
3	Wartburg.....	1889	Graham, Va.....	C. R. W. Kegley..	70	86	1	1	....	3700 00			
4	Christ Church.....	1891	Radford, Va.....	Paul Sieg.....	51	43	1	1	....	3000 00	.....	800 00	800 00
5	Woman's Memorial...	1888	Pulaski, Va.....	L. A. Fox.....	70	75	1	1	1	8000 00			
6	Holy Trinity.....	1903	Lynchburg, Va.....	Vacant.....	83	57	1	1	1	10000 00	.....	550 00	550 00
	6 Missions.....		5 Pastorates.....	5 Pastors.....	384	381	6	6	3	$ 44700 00	$550 00	$1950 00	$2500 00

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EIGHT SYNODS

65 Missions.....		40 Pastorates.....	32 Pastors.....	3263	2854	57	53	19	$200802 00	$2531 00	$10214 50	$12745 50

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 1910

Number.	STATIONS.	Native Population.	Preaching Places.	Churches.	Chapels.	Parsonages.	FORCES IN FIELD				SCHOOLS						MEMBERSHIP				FINANCES	
							Missionaries and Wives.	Assoc'te Miss. and Wives.	Native Pastors and Helpers.	Total.	Theo. Seminaries.	Students.	Kindergartens.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Baptized in 1909.	Enrollment.	Resident.	Gains in 2 years.	Benevolence.	Annual Self-port average per member.
1	Saga	35000	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	3	35	1	....	....	....	204	78	....	.....	.....
2	Kumamoto	80000	3	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	82	64	....	.....	.....
3	Omuta	20000	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	42	....	.....	.....
4	Hakata	70000	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	66	61	....	.....	.....
5	Kurume	35000	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	63	....	.....	.....
	5 Stations.	.....	10	2	2	2	7	6	13	26	1	5	1	3	35	12	28	688	41	443	298	31	$243 31	$2 50

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IN THE SOUTH,

HELD IN

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, ATLANTA, GA.

NOVEMBER 12-17, 1912

INCLUDING

Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Conference,

HELD IN THE

Chapel of the Central Presbyterian Church,
Atlanta, Ga.

NOVEMBER 13-14, 1912

SYNODICAL DIRECTORY

Calendar for 1912--1914

Officers

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Revs. W. H. Greever, M. G. G. Scherer, C. E. Weltner, and Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer and Jno. F. Ficken.

Committee on Teacher Training Course

Revs. E. C. Cronk, J. H. Harms, John Hall, and H. A. McCullough.

Committee on Common Book of Worship

Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, A. G. Voigt, L. A. Fox and E. C. Cronk.

Committee on Common Sunday School Literature

Revs. W. H. Greever, H. A. McCullough and C. F. W. Hoppe.

Committee on Proposed Executive Committee

Revs. A. G. Voigt, M. G. G. Scherer, W. A. Deaton, and Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, and E. L. Greever.

Lowman Home Conference Committee

Revs. Geo. H. Cox, Chas. K. Hunton and Mr. J. E. Cooper.

Standing Committee on Memoirs

Revs. L. A. Fox, Geo. H. Cox, L. G. M. Miller, and Messrs. Jno. F. Ficken and H. E. Dreeson.

Standing Committee on Finance

Revs. C. A. Freed, J. H. Wilson, Ed. L. Ritchie, W. L. Darr, Messrs. B. L. Umberger, P. C. Price, J. P. Wise, F. R. Epting.

Committee to Draft Plan for Unification of our Home Mission Work

Revs. L. A. Fox, C. K. Hunton, C. K. Bell, Judge B. B. Miller, E. L. Greever.

Committee on Fraternal Cooperation

The Committee on Common Book of Worship and Committee on Sunday School Literature with President of United Synod constitute such Committee. (See report on President's Report.)

Fraternal Delegates

General Council—Rev. W. H. Greever, or R. L. Fritz.

General Synod—Rev. J. H. Harms, or A. G. Voigt.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

Place—St. Paul's and Ebenezer churches, Columbia, S. C.

Time—Tuesday, 10 o'clock a. m., after the second Sunday in November, 1914.

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH CONVENTION
OF THE
UNITED SYNOD
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., on Tuesday, November 12, 1912, at 8 o'clock p. m., and began the exercises of the Thirteenth regular session.

The Preparatory Service was conducted by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., Communion services by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., and Synodical sermon by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., President of Synod. The Holy Communion was administered to the members of Synod, delegates to the Woman's Missionary Conference, and members of the congregation.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1912, 9 A. M.

The Synod assembled and devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D.

Judge Jno. S. Candler, acting mayor of Atlanta, Ga., was introduced to the Synod by Pastor W. C. Schaeffer, Jr. The judge most heartily welcomed the Synod to the city.

The President of the Synod responded to the address in terms pleasing and appropriate.

The clerical and lay delegates were then enrolled as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. M. M. Kinard, Ph.D., D.D., J. E. Shenk, V. Y. Boozer, R. L. Patterson, D.D., Geo. H. Cox, D.D., R. C. Holland, D.D., H. M. Brown, J. L. Morgan, C. A. Brown and Theo. C. Parker.

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a.—Absent. a. s.—Absent until Sunday.

Lay.—Prof. G. F. McAllister, Messrs. C. M. Thompson, Jas. D. Heilig, G. C. Hine, and B. L. Umberger.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. J. Paul Stirewalt, J. S. Wessinger, W. L. Darr, J. H. Wannemacher, W. A. Deaton, D.D., Prof. R. L. Fritz, C. K. Bell, John Hall, W. J. Boger, E. J. Sox, B. D. Wessinger, and E. L. Lybrand.

Lay.—Messrs. Ambrose L. Henkel, J. M. Rhodes, Prof. C. E. Boger.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. C. A. Freed, D.D., Jas. D. Kinard, J. H. Harms, D.D., M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., W. H. Greever. D.D., S. C. Ballentine, M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., S. T. Hallman, D.D., H. A. McCullough, P. E. Monroe, and W. P. Cline.

Lay.—Messrs. J. D. Cappelmann, Geo. B. Cromer, (a. s.), A. H. Kohn, John F. Ficken, P. C. Price, Kenneth Baker (a) E. F. Irick, W. P. Houseal, and Drs. C. L. Kibler and O. B. Mayer.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., A. D. R. Hancher, J. A. Morehead, D.D., L. G. M. Miller, D.D., Peter Miller, and J. J. Scherer, Jr.

Lay.—Messrs. J. E. Cooper, Jacob Umlauf, and S. T. Shank.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. Chas. K. Hunton, T. O. Keister, D.D., Geo. H. Rhodes, L. A. Fox, D.D., E. L. Ritchie, J. B. Greiner, D.D.

Lay.—Messrs. H. L. Bonham, E. L. Greever, and J. S. Etter.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., T. W. Shealy, Chas. A. Phillips, and M. J. Epting, D.D.

Lay.—Messrs. H. E. Dreeson, Chas. H. Stieglitz, E. C. Swygert and J. P. Wise.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical.—Revs. W. H. Roof and H. G. Davis.

Lay.—Messrs. W. E. Bible and Jno. M. Litchenwanger (a).

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical.—Rev. A. W. Ballentine.

Lay.—Mr. F. R. Epting.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to Committee on President's report.

Report of President.

Dear Fathers and Brethren in Christ: By the grace of God, the seasons have been accomplished since the last meeting of this body, and we have now come to the privileges and responsibilties of the thirteenth convention of the United Synod. To Him who hath called us, be glory and honor and blessing, world without end. Amen.

There is reason for profound gratitude to God for the many evidences of progress in the work of the Church in the bounds of the United Synod since the Richmond convention. It seems clear that the Lutheran Church in the Southern States has definitely entered upon a new and larger stage of development. The rich resources of the South are attracting capital and population. By the grace of God, the Church has become conscious of the responsibility that is hers to meet with efficiency the opportunities created by this new industrial prosperity. An almost pioneer stage of growth has resulted. Suddenly the Church finds herself inadequately equipped for the larger work of her Southern territory. Her work must be planned in nearly all of its phases on a larger scale. Hence there has ensued a constructive period of activity, old enterprises being enlarged and new ones being established. This has been notably true in the field of education, in publication interests, in the commitment of Home Mission and Church Extension work to a separate board, in the establishment of the Mission School in Japan, in the substantial housing of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, and in the call for the increase of accommodations at the Orphan Home. Mention is also here made of the fact that the value of other means of Inner Mission work in the full equipemnt of the Church for broad service demands careful consideration.

What has been accomplished already in the development of the United Synod as a body and in the prosecution of the work in its various departments of activity is ground for much encouragement. However, mistakes have doubtless been made, as is to be expected. The keen appreciation of the magnitude of the impending task of the Lutheran Church in the field of the South and the consequent deep sense of responsibility have led to a general uprising for earnest but somewhat individualistic effort within the territory. Thus it seems that, acting from local or personal points of view, albeit with the best of motives, the welfare of the whole

Church has not always been subserved. There has also frequently been apparent a conflict of interests between operation of the Church, alike authorized by the Word of God and by nature capable of promoting each other. Nor has the best business judgment always been shown in the order of the presentation of the special financial undertakings of the various institutions and boards to the congregations. It is perfectly clear that a more efficient administration of the general interests of the United Synod will greatly promote the welfare of the Church, if sound and Scriptural means shall be developed to serve this end. But as important as the problems of wise administration are, even more pressing are the questions of the ways and means for the accomplishment of the actual tasks waiting to be done. To provide a suitable literature, to free from debt and to equip more adequately the Theological Seminary and the other institutions of learning, to prosecute aggressively the Home Mission work of a rapidly developing field, to nurture effectively our Japan Mission with its increasing demands, and to care for all the other interests of this great territory—this is the work in its essential character that confronts the United Synod. In view of the greatness of our field and the particular strength of our working force, wisdom of administration for the husbanding of resources and the concentration of the effort of all our people upon the various operations of the Church according to their proportionate importance claim most careful consideration. It is encouraging to note that the United Synod is becoming more and more alive to its mission. Auxiliary agencies, such as the Woman's Home and Foreign Misisonary Societies and the Laymen's Missionary Movement, have contributed materially to the quickening of our people in Church work. On the human side there have been many encouragements. But in our endeavors to serve the great Head of the Church our assured hope of fruitage and usefulness is ever in the abiding promise of His presence.

In view of these general considerations, a suggestion is submitted for the consideration of this body. No one department of the work of the United Synod can be permanently successful, however unusual or remarkable its development may be for a time, unless all the other departments of the work have corresponding growth according to their several functions in the body of the Church. Since this is true, measures should be adopted to secure better correlation of the activities of the United Synod, the prevention of a conflict of interests, the adoption of an order of working in special undertakings that will have respect to the

available financial strength of the Church and will not interfere with the regular work. To this end, it is recommended:

1. That the United Synod itself exercise the right of authorizing at its regular meeting the general budgets, apportionments for maintenance and special funds to be raised for improvements during the ensuing biennium for its various boards and institutions.

2. That the standing Committee on Finance be hereafter styled the Committee on Finance and Apportionment; that its duties shall be the reception of reports in regard to the financial wants of the various boards, both for current support and for new undertakings; their comparative consideration; and the recommendation of comprehensive action to the United Synod. It shall also be the duty of this committee to recommend ways and means to secure adequate revenue for the synodical treasury.

3. That the retiring President of the United Synod be directed to appoint and announce in the columns of the *Lutheran Church Visitor,* at least five weeks before each convention of the United Synod, the standing Committee on Finance and Apportionment.

4. That the following action of the United Synod at its Richmend convention (see page 88 of the Minutes) be reaffirmed as slightly amended: "That the United Synod instruct the chairman of the several Boards to send to the chairman of the Committee on Finance and Apportionment thirty days prior to each convention of this Synod estimates of the appropriations that will be required, in order that the committee may formulate a plan for financing the work of Synod."

5. It is recommended that the several Boards be requested, if they have not already done so, to adopt measures to secure the safe investment of all their permanent or endowment funds according to best business methods.

I trust the United Synod will permit me to express some conclusions which have been reached as the result of two years' study of conditions in our territory. If these conclusions are correct, certain definite policies should be adopted and followed so long as conditions remain as they are.

1. The usefulness of the United Synod is conditioned by the prosperity of the various District Synods and their loyalty to their general body. To promote this prosperity of the District Synods and to hold the territory for the spiritual care of a growing population, it is important that these bodies care for their country churches, develop their latent material into efficient working forces, do all possible local home mission work, increase the effic-

iency of their pastors by encouraging better ministerial support, and stress the cause of Christian education for the preparation of a more adequate body of trained workers for pulpit and pew.

2. The cause of theological education in the United Synod, under all the circumstances becomes increasingly important. The increase of the ministry, that pastorates and missions may be supplied, and the greater efficiency of our body of ministers are matters for earnest prayer and effort, if the Synod is to meet its opportunity in the growing South. The development of the Theological Seminary and the encouragement of suitable men to enter the ministry are, therefore, of great concern.

3. The efficient conduct of every department of the work, represented by the several boards, according to proportionate importance, deserves effective consideration. It is the duty of every member to endeavor to have a truly comprehensive interest in all phases of the work of the United Synod. With this point of view in mind, I can not escape the conclusion that our means for the prosecution of the work of Home Missions and Church Extension in our territory requires strengthening, in consideration of the industrial progress of this section. It may be that the time has come when the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension should be authorized to employ a general secretary.

It is deemed unnecessary to give in this report a summary of the gratifying new facts about the Theological Seminary, the Publication interests, Home Missions and Church Extension, the Japan Mission, the Orphan Home, the Laymen's Movement, and other phases of the work of the Church, because full reports will in due course be submitted by the proper officers. This body should be very grateful for the helpful special activity of the women of the Church in their auxiliary and synodical missionary societies and in the General Conference.

According to the traditions of this body, careful attention should be given to the wise cultivation of cordial relations with other Lutheran general bodies. At the last convention, the Synod authorized the appointment of a committee on fraternal cooperation, at the suggestion of the General Synod. Through some oversight, such a committee was not appointed. It is, therefore, recommended that a committee on fraternal cooperation be appointed at this convention.

The United Synod will await with particular interest the report of the Committee on the Common Book of Worship, not only because this is one field in which practical cooperation between English-speaking general bodies has been most fruitful, but also

because there is a felt need of a more complete Book of Worship in many of our congregations.

In conclusion, I desire to express grateful appreciation of the unfailing courtesy shown me by the brethren of the Synod. I am also deeply sensible of the high honor you have done me in making me your presiding officer. This trust is returned to you with best wishes and prayers for the increasing prosperity and usefulness of the United Synod as a part of the Church of the living God at work in the world today.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD.

On motion, Revs. W. H. Greever, S. C. Ballentine and A. D. R. Hancher were constituted a press committee.

The following officers were then elected to serve for the next biennium.

Officers of Synod.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., President.
Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Vice President.
Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., Secretary.
Mr. J. E. Cooper, Treasurer.

The rules of order were read, and the minutes of last convention were referred to Committee on Minutes.

The Treasurer read his report, which was referred to Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Report of Treasurer.

J. E. Cooper, Treasurer, in Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

No balance in treasury (page 10, Minutes. 1910).

1910		DEBITS.	
Sept.		Cash received in offerings during Convention in Richmond	$ 66 89
1911.			
Feb.	16.	Cash from M. Coffman, Treas. of Virginia Synod (in full)	155 91
Mar	15.	Cash interest F. P. Cover Fund	300 00
Aug.	19.	Cash interest F. P. Cover fund	300 00
Oct.	9.	Cash from sale Bernheim Hall	1,088 05
	20.	Cash from J. M. Gnann, Treas. of Georgia Synod	100 00

Dec.	21.	Cash from C. M. Hawkins, Treas. of Mississippi Synod (in full)	24 42
1912.			
Feb.	19.	Interest on F. P. Cover fund	255 69
June	4.	Interest on F. P. Cover fund	75 00
July	8.	Cash from sale Mt. Pleasant property	4,780 53
Aug.	17.	Cash interest F. P. Cover fund	300 00
Sept.	5.	Cash J. M. Kinser, Treas. of Holston Synod (in full)	49 72
Sept.	9.	Cash Rev Geo. H. Rhodes, Secy of Southwest Virginia Synod	87 50
Oct.	2.	Cash J. M. Gnann, Treas. of Georgia Synod (in full)	20 00
	21.	Cash M. L. Mauney, Treas. of Tennessee Synod	100 00
	30.	Cash A. H. Kohn, Treas. of South Carolina Synod (in full)	424 56
Nov.	5.	Cash J. D. Heilig, Treas. of North Carolina Synod (in full)	225 58
		Total receipts	$8,353 85

Note:—Received since closing report:

Nov.	12.	Cash A. B. Greiner, Treas. Southwest Virginia Synod	2 03
		Cash A. B. Greiner, Treas. Southwest Virginia Synod	1 00

Note:—The $75.00 interest received on June 4, 1912, is an overpay by Mr. C. H. Duls, of $30.69.

1910. CREDITS.

Sept.	19.	Paid J. M. Rhodes, Treas. of Board of Home Missions	14 14
		Paid Jno. A. Cline, Treas of Board of Foreign Missions	14 13
		Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. of Orphan Home..	13 71
		Paid Rev. C. E. Weltner, Inner Missions	13 71
		Paid Rev. W. H. Greever, Publication Interests	5 60
		Paid C. M. Efird, Treas. Theological Seminary	5 60

(Note.—The above six items were the offerings at Richmond, Va.)

1911.

Feb.	17.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, interest on Seminary bond, June 11, 1910, to December 11, 1910	$ 12 54
Feb.	17.	Paid Sexton's fee at Richmond	5 00
		Paid Express on Bonds from Secretary	2 50

		Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary United Synod	25 00
		Paid for printed statements for District Synods	1 25
	20.	Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., on account	109 57
Mar.	15.	Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, interest from F. P. Cover fund	30 00
		Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. of Orphan Home, semi-annual interest from F. P. Cover fund	270 00
Aug.	19.	Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, interest from F. P. Cover fund	30 00
		Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. of Orphan Home semi-annual interest from F. P. Cover fund	270 00
Oct.	14.	Paid Rev. C. A. Freed, Chairman Building Committee, proceeds of sale of Bernheim hall	1,088 05
		Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, on principal of Seminary Bond	52 70
		Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, interest on Seminary Bond to Dec. 11, 1911	25 14
Dec.	21.	Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., interest on note of $505 to Feb. 17, 1912	30 30
1912.			
Mar.	18.	Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, part of semi-annual interest	25 57
		Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. of Orphan Home, part of semi-annual interest	230 12
July	8.	Paid Clarence L. Kibler, Treas. Building fund proceeds of sale of Mt. Pleasant property	4,780 53
Aug.	19.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas., interest in full on F. P. Cover fund, including balance due in last remittance	309 88
		Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, interest in full, including balance due in last remittance	34 43
Sept.	9.	Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., interest on note of $505 from Feb. 17th to Sept. 9th	17 08
		Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., on note, principal	155 00
		Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, interest on bond to June 11, 1912	11 25
Oct.	19.	Paid Rev. M. M. Kinard, expenses as Delegate to meeting of General Council	30 00
Oct.	30.	Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., balance on note (principal)	350 00
		Paid Messrs. Henkel & Co., interest from Sept. 9th to date	2 94

Nov.	1.	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses of Music Committee, (p. 23, Minutes, 1910)	9 80
		Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, expenses of Music Committee (p. 23, Minutes, 1910)	10 68
		Paid Rev. W. A. Snyder expenses of Music Committee (p 23, Minutes, 1910)	3 00
		Paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses of Music Committee (p. 23, Minutes, 1910)	6 70
Nov.	5.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, on principal of Bond..	350 00
		Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, interest to Sept. 11, 1912, on bond	5 62
		Cash balance in Treasury	2 31
			$8,353 85

In accordance with the instructions in the Report of the Committee on Finance (pp. 81, 88, Minutes, 1910), statements of the amounts due this treasury by the several District Synods were prepared by the Secretary and the Treasurer and repeatedly forwarded.

These statements called for the payment of one half a cent per capita for the years 1905-1910, inclusive, and 2 cents per capita for the year 1911, less the amounts which had already been paid by the several Synods. No assessment was made for 1912, because the foregoing assessments, when fully paid, would settle all the debts of the United Synod and leave about $250 in the Treasury.

Six of the Synods have paid in full their assessments.

The following is a statement of the balances due this Treasury from the other Synods:

Southwest Virginia Synod	$ 88 02
Tennessee Synod	271 32

INDEBTEDNESS.

The indebtedness of the United Synod (Minutes, 1910, p. 11) was:

Open account due Messrs. Henkel & Co.	$ 506 81
Plus expressage	35
Total	$ 507 16
Bond due Library Fund Theological Seminary	502 70
Total indebtedness	$1,009 86

Not having funds in treasury to settle these debts, the open account of Messrs. Henkel & Co., which was contracted in 1906, and 1909, was closed by the officers of Synod, on February 17, 1911, by giving a note of $505, and a cash payment of $109.59. This settlement included simple interest after a credit of sixty days. The

note has now been paid in full. The bond due the Theological Seminary Library Fund has been reduced to $100, with interest from September 11, 1912. This balance is the full indebtedness of the United Synod to date, with the exception of $20 due the fraternal delegate to the meeting of the General Synod, and the $30.61 overpay, mentioned in foot note.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

The F. P. Cover Fund of $10,000 (p. 11, Minutes, 1910), is invested by the Real Estate Loan and Guarantee Co., of Charlotte, N. C., in mortgages upon real estate at six per cent interest. The interest of $1,200 has been regularly collected. In accordance with the provisions of the testator's will, $1,080 thereof was paid to the Treasurer of the Orphan Home, and $120 to Rev. J. A. Huffard, pastor of Ebenezer church, Browntown, Va. The bonds and mortgages of this fund will be submitted to the committee on this report.

The Mrs. Kate E. Drafts Fund of $5,000 (page 11, Minutes, 1910), with accrued interest, making a total of $5,202.78, was on October 27, 1910, remitted to C. M. Efird, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, in accordance with action taken by United Synod (p. 50, Minutes, 1910). His receipt and all papers in connection with this transaction are submitted with this report.

The Mrs. S. C. Swigert $2,000 Beneficiary Education Fund (p. 12, Minutes, 1910). The papers connected with this fund are also submitted. The fund is still on deposit in the Bank of Forest, Miss., as reported by former Treasurer.

PROCEEDS OF SALE MT. PLEASANT PROPERTY.

The net proceeds of sale of the Mt. Pleasant property were immediately returned to Dr. Clarence L. Kibler, Treasurer of the Seminary Building Committee at Columbia, S. C. Receipt and correspondence are submitted.

PROCEEDS OF SALE BERNHEIM HALL.

The United Synod (in 1904) authorized the proceeds from the property to be invested in Charleston, in connection with the relocating of the Seminary there; but gave no specific directions thereafter for investment of the proceeds at Columbia. At the unanimous request of Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, this fund was turned over to the treasurer of the Seminary Building Committee, to be used in connection with the establishment of the Seminary at Columbia; but with the understanding that this disposition of the proceeds should be confirmed by the United Synod

at this convention. Receipt for the remittance and the correspondence connected therewith are submitted.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Convention were printed by our Board of Publication at a cost, including expense of distribution, of $385.

The Treasurer of the Publication Board, in submitting this bill reported that there was still due the United Synod Treasury $266.70 from the sale of the Sunday School charts; and asked that his sum be credited on the bill for the Minutes. He also reported that the Board of Publication had made no final settlement with the Common Service Committee on sales of Book of Worship, and asked that the sum of $118.30 (the balance necessary to pay the bill for printing Minutes) be credited until such settlement could be made. The receipted bill for last Minutes, therefore, accompanies this report.

SOURCES OF REVENUE.

1. Per capita assessment of one-half cent, as per Standing Resolution.

2. Profits on sales of Book of Worship (p. 85 Minutes of 1908) as these profits shall be hereafter determined.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. COOPER, Treasurer.

Rev. Prof. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., fraternal representative of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, and Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., the official visitor of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, were received, and invited to address this Synod at the opening of our afternoon session today.

The hours of daily sessions were fixed at from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and from 2:30 p. m., to 5 p. m.

The Synod accepted the invitation of the pastor and congregation of the Church of the Redeemer to attend a reception to be given on Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m.

The Synod expressed appreciation of an invitation to visit the federal prison on tomorrow.

The Lutheran Board of Publication reported. Report was referred to Committee on Report of Board of Publication.

Report of Board of Publication.

The past two years have witnessed encouraging progress in our Publication work. The Board has held frequent meetings, with full and regular attendance, and has given much time to the consideration of questions of managment and policy, as well as the larger questions pertaining to the development of property. The Board has been unanimous in its actions and has sought the welfare of the whole Church both for the present and for the future. The matters of chief interest in our transactions are the sale of the Main street property (for $80,000), the erection of the new building on Sumter street, and the placing of our periodicals, the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, on the cash-in-advance basis. These points are presented with some degree of fulness in the report of our manager, which report with that of the Treasurer, was made a part of this report, by action of the Board, as follows:

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 30, 1912.

To the Lutheran Board of Publication:

In view of the approaching meeting of the United Synod, I submit the following review of our work for the past two years:

PROPERTY.

The sale of our Main street property on January 1, 1912, can not but be regarded as a fortunate thing for our work in all respects. In the first place the sale price ($80,000) brought us a net profit of over $40,000 on the cost of the same property. In the second place, that profit enabled us to clear our remaining property of all indebtedness and to have enough money to erect a suitable building for our permanent home on Sumter street, without incurring new debts. Contracts were let for the erection of the Sumter street building in March, 1912, a building 118 feet long, 59 feet wide and four stories high, with good sized basement, with steam heat and all other modern conveniences, for $23,000. With architect's fees and some extras added, the completed building, now almost ready to be turned over to us, will cost about $26,000. The resources of the Board are just about sufficient to meet the final payments, giving us our land, buildings and printing plant free from debt. The Board will occupy the entire first floor of the new building, connecting with the printing house, and will have, in addition to the large printing hall, a very commodious and beautiful book store, business offices, editorial offices, surplus stock rooms, directors' offices and rest rooms, an office for the General Literature Committee of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the United Synod, and an ample safety vault. The basement will be used chiefly

for the heating plant. The three upper stories have been erected and arranged so that they can be adapted to whatever use may be desired, having a pillar and beam construction, which permits the removal of all partitions. These three stories are now completed with apartments suitable for hospice or hotel use, and they have been leased for three years for $2,500 per year, for an apartment hotel. Thus these three stories practically become an endowment, the income from which ought to meet the unavoidable annual deficit on the publication of the *Visitor* and *Tidings*. Our new building, with its artistic classical front, is one of the handsomest buildings in Columbia, its location is almost ideal, and it is said to be the finest Lutheran Publication building in America.

BOOK AND GENERAL LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

We have continued to advertise and distribute good Lutheran books and tracts as well as Bibles and a select line of other religious books, and the business of the Board in this respect has shown a steady and healthy growth. The Sunday school supply business of the United Synod comes largely through our office, and we feel that the confidence of our people in the ability of this Board to serve them is growing. We have published two new books since the last meeting of the United Synod, *The Sacramental Feast*, by Dr. C. Armand Miller, and a book of sermons for the author, Rev. S. P. Koon, entitled *"What is Good for Man."* We have had published for us also a special edition of *"Missionary Heroes of the Lutheran Church,"* by Dr. Wolf. The second edition of the Hymnal for Sunday Schools is just about exhausted, and we have used several small editions of the Book of Worship during these two years. We are confident that our book business will grow rapidly when we get into our new store and have a larger operating capital.

PERIODICALS.

The most notable thing in connection with the business side of our regular periodicals was the adoption of the "cash-in-advance" rule which went into effect by order of the Board on January 1, 1912. One result of that rule is a great reduction in circulation, the circulation of the *Visitor* now being 3,250 and *Tidings* 4,800. We are sure, however, that the adoption of the rule was no mistake, and we feel that these papers are now on the best basis in their history. The outlook for an increase in the circulation of the *Visitor* is particularly bright, owing to the considerable number of congregations adopting the *every-home-circulation* plan. We believe that the Board should have a competent circulation man in the field con-

tinuously. The editorial work on *Tidings* has been done faithfully and efficiently by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. The editorial work on the *Visitor* has been unavoidably interrupted during the past year.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

Many problems and difficulties have attended the special opportunities which have characterized the work of the Board during the last two years. I wish to express to the Board my hearty appreciation of its cordial support, unfailing sympathy, and constant considerateness, without which I could never have met the crisis as they have arisen. The invariable unanimity with which you have authorized and supported policies has been a constant inspiration.

FINANCES.

By action of the Board a professional auditor has examined all of our accounts, and with the permission of the Board I desire herewith to present his full and carefully elaborated exhibits as my report as Treasurer. These exhibits are as follows up to March 31, 1912:

With the permission of the Board I desire to submit as information herewith a supplementary financial statement covering the period from March 31, 1912, to November 1, 1912.

W. H. Greever, Manager.

TREASURER'S REPORTS.

Reports, Statements and Exhibits Furnished by the Official Auditor, Submitted as Treasurer's Report and so Accepted by the Board.

July 12, 1912.

Dr. W. H. Greever, Manager Lutheran Board of Publication, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir: In accordance with your instruction, I beg to advise that I have made an examination of the books and accounts of the Lutheran Board of Publication from August 31, 1910 to March 31, 1912, and hand you herewith report on my examination and append the following exhibits, viz:

Trial Balance, August 31, 1910.
Trial Balance, March 31, 1912.
Financial Statment.
Cash and Bank account
Receipt and Disbursement.
Profit and Loss Account.
Comparative Statement of Expenses and Operating Account.

List of Accounts Payable not shown on Ledger.

Bills Payable.

Bonds Receivable.

Trading Account (which includes operating as well as the merchandise accouunts).

You will note that while expense and trading accounts will show in some cases marked differences from the previous period, this is due to proper adjustment not having been made at that time.

Inventory. The figures used were furnished me and no further allowance for depreciation has been made.

Cash Account. I would call your attention to the apparent shortage of $44.54 between the bank account and the cash journal, but as this difference about equals the amount of petty cash kept on hand, viz, $50, it is my opinion that in some way these have become confused.

Suggestions. That all invoices on being received and O. K.'d by proper parties be entered on voucher book and at once given an audited bill number instead of waiting until they are to be paid; so as to show the proper liability for the goods which have been taken into stock. That all cross and closing entries be passed through the cash journal, instead of showing only on the ledger.

That all cash as received be deposited daily in the bank and the imprest system of petty cash, which they are now using, be strictly adhered to.

I desire to take this opportunity to congratulate the management on the success of the business which now seems assured, having been accomplished against great odds, and to thank Mr. Counts and Dr. Greever for their courtesy and the willingness in cheerfully rendering me every assistance.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. G. Prioleau, Auditor.

LUTHERAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, AUG. 31, 1911.

Trial Balance.

Cash	$ 401 72
Building repairs	4 10
Bills receivable	285 00
Customers' accounts	3,618 56
Commissions	9 35
Editorial library	125 97
Expenses Board meeting	8 00
Furniture and fixtures	776 52
Freight and express	71 72

Insurance	339 70
Interest and Discount	1,175 22
Lutheran Church Visitor	689 91
Machinery equipment	10,875 68
Office Expenses	357 23
Profit and Loss	2,954 40
P. C. Price, Treas.	113 71
Petty Cash	25 00
Postage	290 35
Real Estate	41,336 46
Salaries	2,000 00
Supplies for bindery	7 15
Supplies for printing	2,821 76
Sunday School Hymnal	145 26
Supplies for composing room	98 46
Tidings	361 30
Traveling expenses	56 00
Taxes	116 33
Writerpress	98 03
Whitaker Paper Company	5 47
Water rents	38 60
Advertising	$ 367 78
American Bible Society	36 99
Bills payable	8,073 00
Bindery department	231 77
Composing Room	476 55
General Council Pub. House	369 11
Hymnal	76 40
Japan for Christ	32 02
Discounted bills	285 00
Lutheran Pub. Society	260 86
Merchandise	62 39
Morning Service	12 11
Mortgages payable	47,000 00
Property fund	8,584 43
Printing department	1,440 54
Rents	1,894 32
"Scripture Lessons"	3 63
	$69,206 90

Trial Balance—General Ledger, March 31, 1912.

Building repairs	$ 8 35
Bills receivable	120 00

Bonds receivable	24,500 00
Customers' accounts	4,122 22
Commission	16 83
Editorial library	125 97
Expenses for Board meeting	17 80
Furniture and Fixtures	776 52
Freight and Expenses (mdse.)	194 55
Insurance	508 10
Interest and discount	3,151 59
Lutheran Church Visitor	312 58
Machinery equipment	11,124 09
Office expense	934 77
Profit and Loss	2,954 40
P. C. Price, Treas.	113 71
Petty cash	50 00
Postage	675 77
Salaries	4,887 50
Supplies for bindery	46 22
Supplies for printing dept.	5,201 11
Supplies for composing room	174 81
Tidings	484 50
Traveling expense	68 50
Taxes	413 61
Writerpress	67 13
Water rents (April bill $43.20)	83 35
Cash book	1,679 97
	$62,813 94

Advertising	$ 815 52
American Bible Society	120 02
Bills payable	3,149 00
Bindery	785 02
Composing room	1,456 14
Discounted notes	120 00
General Council Pub. House	368 11
Hymnal	6 71
"Japan for Christ"	33 22
Merchandise	468 89
Morning Service	19 54
Property fund	8,681 82
Printing department	4,125 15
Rents	3,750 97
Real estate	38,663 54

"Scripture Lessons"	9 33
Sunday School Hymnal	239 96
	$62,813 94

Financial Statement, March 31, 1912.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$ 50 00	
Cash in Bank	1,679 96	$ 1,729 96
Real estate, invested		16,000 00
Machinery and Equipments:		
Machinery	$11,124 09	
Writerpress	67 13	11,191 22
Accounts and Notes Receivable:		
Accounts		4,122 22
Bonds Receivable		24,500 00
Interest accrued (Bonds)		428 75
Inventories:		
Merchandise	$ 3,380 79	
Editorial library	125 97	
Furniture and fixtures	774 77	
Sunday School Hymnal	369 00	
Supplies	2,169 00	6,819 53
Deferred Charges to Profit and Loss:		
Prepaid insurance		46 59
Profit and Loss		4,736 66
		$69,574 93

LIABILITIES.

Accounts and Notes Payable:		
Accounts	$ 488 13	
Notes	3,149 00	$ 3,637 13
Items accrued but not paid:		
Wages	$ 51 45	
Water	43 20	
Light and power	39 44	
Telephone	20 75	
Taxes	60 00	214 84
Due on open accounts not on books:		
Accounts payable		2,377 60
Capital Stock:		
Property fund, donation		8,681 82
Property fund, real estate		54,663 54
		$69,574 93

BANK AND CASH ACCOUNT.

Daily cash statement		$ 1,685 83
Cash book		1,679 96
		$ 5 87
Error not posted		6 70
Difference		83
March 31, 1912. Bal Pal. Nat'l Bank		$ 1,928 71
Outstanding Vouchers:		
No. 915	$ 29 55	
No. 916	7 15	
No. 918	80 00	
No. 919	50 00	
No. 920	50 00	
No. 921	37 50	
No. 922	20 00	
No. 923	6 25	
No. 924	6 97	287 42
		$ 1,641 29
Cash Book		$ 1,685 83
Bank Balance		1,641 29
Shortage		$ 44 54
Missing Vouchers:		
No. 76		$ 150 00
No. 81		6 25
Bonds Receivable:		
Carolina Casualty and Insurance Co.		$12,000 00
Carolina Casualty and Insurance Co.		15,000 00
		$27,000 00
Less Payment		2,500 00
Balance on hand		$24,500 00

CASH ACCOUNT.

August 31, 1910, *to March* 31, 1912.

Receipts.

Cash on hand August 31, 1910	$ 401 72
Customers	17,360 00
Japan for Christ	3 50
Tidings	482 13
Advertising	1,233 36
Visitor	9,448 52
Furniture and Fixtures	28 75

Consignment	1 14
Merchandise	3,904 41
Scripture Lessons	78 64
Hymnals	259 69
Sunday School Hymnal	510 80
Morning Service	17 59
Bills payable	9,950 00
Property fund	4,611 71
Composing room	4 25
Mortgages payable	47,000 00
Bills receivable	285 00
Printing	17 10
Binding	75
Writerpress	18 70
Postage	29 79
Office expense	18 65
Interest	11 21
Rent	5,744 43
Discounted notes	270 00
American Bible Society	48 95
Real estate	3,000 00
Bonds	2,500 00
Sundries	57 81
	$107,298 60

Disbursements.

Merchandise	$ 7,650 28
Furniture and fixtures	30 50
Hymnals	634 26
Expenses Board meeting	27 20
Visitor	1,037 38
Salaries	7,202 50
Interest	4,798 93
Postage	992 28
Office expenses	1,071 42
Composing room	5,115 42
Printing department	6,874 82
Bindery	2,053 77
Freight and express	306 89
Tidings	391 79
Bills payable	13,047 00
Mortgages payable	40,771 21
Machinery	590 64

Insurance	692 35
Water	129 09
Taxes	817 53
Scripture Lessons	70 00
Property fund	1,704 02
Supplies for bindery	43 82
Supplies for composing room	153 95
Supplies for printing department	4,739 88
Traveling expenses	91 00
United Synod	78 15
Sunday School Hymnal	2,249 68
Accounts payable	1,202 69
Campaign expenses	285 52
Repairs	9 85
Improvements real estate	565 25
Writerpress	18 60
Commissions for rent	22 44
Sundries	98 53
Cash	1,729 96
	$107.298 60

PROFIT AND LOSS.

March 31, 1912.

Balance, March 31, 1911	$ 2,954 40
Reserve for expenses	214 84
Visitor	3,504 53
Tidings	484 50
Salaries	1,256 67
Insurance	461 51
Building repairs	8 35
Commissions	16 83
Expenses Board meetings	17 80
Furniture and fixtures	1 75
Interest and discount	3,151 59
P. C. Price, Treas.	113 71
Traveling expenses	68 50
Taxes	413 61
Water rent	83 35
Office expenses	934 77
	$13,686 71
Advertising	$ 815 52
Interest accrued	428 75
Sunday School Hymnal	608 96

Merchandise	1,347 33
Printing	1,093 04
Composing room	81 33
Bindery	738 80
Postage (adjustment)	85 35
Rents	3,750 97
Balance	4,736 66
	$13,686 71

PROFIT AND LOSS.

From August 31, 1910, *to March* 31, 1912.

Balance	$ 2,494 73
Building repairs	9 85
Commissions	22 44
Expense Board meetings	27 20
Furniture and fixtures	1 75
Freight and express	110 20
Insurance	712 76
Interest and discount	4 806 68
Visitor	4,117 56
Office expenses	1,634 60
P. C. Price, Treas.	113 71
Postage (1911)	276 86
Salaries	$3,776 67
Supplies bindery	3 23
Supplies printing	262 20
Supplies Composing room	14 89
Tidings (1912)	484 50
Traveling expenses	101 00
Taxes	817 53
Water rents	129 09
Reserve expenses, 1912	214 84
Campaign expenses, 1911	456 65
Job work, 1911	61 01
	$20,649 95
Advertising	$ 1,435 85
Bindery	909 52
Composing room	279 76
Merchandise	3,350 80
Morning Service (1911)	77 77
Printing	1,424 40
Postage (1912) adjustment	85 35

Rent	5,576 68
Sunday School Hymnal	641 70
Hymnals (1911)	1,082 75
Tidings (1911)	619 96
Interest accrued	428 75
Balance (net loss)	4,736 66
	$20,649 95

CONDENSED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT.

March 31, 1912.

Profit and loss, 1911		$ 2,494 73
Operating expense—		
Sundry items	$2,176 35	
Salaries	3,776 67	
Office	1,634 60	
Supplies	280 32	
Taxes	817 53	
Incidental expenses		8,685 47
Interest	4,806 68	4,806 68
Losses		
Job work, 1911	61 01	
Tidings	484 50	
Visitor	4,117 56	4,663 07
		$20,649 95
Advertising		$ 1,435 85
Bindery		909 52
Composing room		279 76
Morning Service		77 77
Sunday School Hymnals		641 70
Hymnals, 1911		1,082 75
Tidings, 1911		619 96
Merchandise		3,350 80
Printing		1,424 40
		$ 9,822 51
Incidental incomes:		
Postage (adjustment)	85 35	
Rent	5,576 68	
Interest accrued	428 75	6,090 78
Net loss		4,736 66
		$20,649 95

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Office	Bindery		Composing Room		Printing	
1910.	Expense	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income
Sept.	$113 27	$142 29	$114 13	$335 55	$333 55	$ 429 04	$507 00
Oct.	105 80	87 17	115 35	413 47	238 15	1,280 44	412 25
Nov.	31 84	82 96	124 60	199 18	282 35	423 33	397 90
Dec.	73 06	129 45	132 95	347 90	367 80	353 92	482 90
1911.							
Jan.	75 99	93 65	107 00	270 52	238 35	299 43	408 90
Feb.	85 57	100 66	138 80	228 03	483 93	239 09	808 39
March	92 53	112 07	168 95	279 30	371 75	271 26	614 65
April	117 63	98 35	137 02	222 48	263 30	227 05	429 40
May	59 75	99 54	178 59	230 49	324 30	214 77	618 10
June	80 50	101 79	129 80	228 97	280 90	199 98	438 20
July	44 40	121 56	166 55	249 63	477 75	246 40	618 67
Aug.	62 45	81 05	122 10	202 88	264 75	195 63	420 00
Sept.	74 23	121 55	173 15	215 74	344 75	275 95	603 20
Oct.	42 25	102 95	154 30	252 13	267 18	257 31	421 19
Nov.	50 65	102 86	233 95	227 61	491 65	219 19	788 60
Dec.	169 06	127 01	150 25	298 06	270 75	259 63	458 15
1912.							
Jan.	90 32	104 13	228 05	273 16	466 45	252 57	832 05
Feb.	44 70	110 61	200 20	271 35	525 80	268 43	691 50
March	109 83	135 76	218 22	343 09	494 45	429 70	852 70

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE—*March* 31, 1912.

(Which do not appear on Ledger.)

Andrews Wilson Paper Company	$	4 50
American Type Founders Company		42 63
J. M. Beaver		52
B. F. Bond Paper Company		10 36
R. L. Bryan Company		3 60
Chatfield Woods Company		49 80
Christian Finance Association		2 04
Wm. H. Deitz		1 54
W. J. Duffie & Company		3 00
Duplex Envelope & Printing Company		2 58
General Council Publishing House		698 28
Dr. G. H. Gerberding		1 43
A. J. Holman Company		8 41
Judefine Bros.		12 54
Chas. E. Johnson Company		18 72
J. C. Kauffman		4 13
Knickerbocker Watch Company		11 35
Lutheran Publication Society		1,328 92
I. N. Megargee & Company		30 54
G. W. McClanahan		24 12
Laymen's Missionary Movement		13 95
Meig Publishing Company		58
Edward Pfeiffer		70
Pilger Publishing House		1 01
Southern Oil & Ink Company		5 00
J. H. Schroeter & Bro.		7 90
Wartburg Publishing House		6 63
Whitaker Paper Company		59 72
B. W. Wilson Paper Company		23 10
	$	2,377 60

NOTE.—While these amounts do not appear on books the figures are included in my statements.

BILLS PAYABLE—*March* 31, 1912.

J. H. Schroeter & Bro.	$	27 00
J. H. Schroeter & Bro.		27 00
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Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
Brown Folding Machine Co.	30 00
The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
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The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
The Whitlock Printing Press Mfg. Co.	75 00
American Type Founders Co.	1,000 00
	$ 3,149 00

TRADING ACCOUNT.

Merchandise and Printing.

Tidings.

Expenses	$1,707 20	Balance P. L. 3-31-12	$ 484 50
P. L. 3-31-11	619 96	Sales	$1,842 66
	$2,327 16		$2,327 16

Lutheran Church Visitor

Expenses	$11,477 98	Sales	$10,552 37
Salaries	2,430 83	P. L. 3-31-11	613 03
Postage	761 12	Balance P. L. 3-31-12	3,504 53
	$14,669 93		$14,669 93

Hymnals.

Inventory 8-31-10 (Est.)	$ 426 22	Sales	$2,194 98
Purchases, etc.	1,105 52	Inventory 3-31-11	380 10
P. L. 3-31-11	1,082 75	Inventory 3-31-12	622 54
Balance 3-31-12 (P. L. Est.)	583 13		$3,197 62
(Estimated only)	$3,197 62		

Sunday School Hymnal.

Purchases	$2,328 81	Sales	$2,601 51
P. L. 3-31-11	32 74	Inventory	369 00
Bal. 3-31-12 P. L.	608 96		$2,970 51
	$2,970 51		

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

From August 31, 1910 *to March* 31, 1911.

Inventory 8-1-10	$ 918 90	Sales 3-31-11	$6,264 86
Purchases	4,180 34	Inventory 3-31-11	837 85
P. L. 3-31-11	2,003 47		$7,102 71
	$7,102 71		

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

From March 31, 1911, *to March* 31, 1912.

Inventory 3-31-11	$ 837 85	Sales	$6,497 98
Purchases	7,567 84	Morning Service	19 54
Freight	194 55	Scripture Lessons	9 33
P. L. 3-31-12	1,347 33	Japan for Christ	33 22
		Hymnals	6 71
	$9,947 57	Inventory—	
		Hymnal $ 622 54	
		Mdse. 2,758 25	3,380 79
			$9,947 57

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

From August 31, 1911, *to March* 31, 1912.

Inventory 8-1-10	$ 918 90	Sales	$12,662 64
Purchases	11,748 18	Morning Services	19 54
Freight	304 75	Scripture Lessons	9 33
P. L. 3-31-11	2,003 47	Japan for Christ	33 22
Balance 3-31-12 P. L.	1,347 33	Inventory 3-31-11	837 85
		Inventory 3-31-12	2,758 25
	$16,322 63		$16,322 63

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Expenses	$ 6,612 13	Income	$10,968 64
Supplies	3,032 11		
P. L. 3-31-11	331 36		$10,968 64
Balance 3-31-12 P. L.	993 04		
	$10,968 64		

COMPOSING ROOM.

Expenses	$5,237 57	Income	$6,892 14
Supplies	174 81		
P. L. 3-31-11	198 43		$6,892 14
Bal. 3-31-12 P. L.	1,281 33		
	$6,892 14		

BINDERY.

Expenses	$2,117 60	Income	$3,073 34
Supplies	46 22		
P. L. 3-31-11	170 72		$3,073 34
Bal. 3-31-12 P. L.	738 80		
	$3,073 34		

The foregoing I submit as my official report.

W. H. GREEVER.

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From March 31, 1912, *to November* 1, 1912.

Disbursements.

Merchandise	$ 2,791 18
Lutheran Church Visitor	1,033 66
Salaries	1,786 34
Postage	232 73
Office expenses	285 18
Composing room	1,905 67
Printing department	4,067 68
Bindery department	779 07
Freight and express	52 79
Tidings	137 25
Bills payable	1,424 00
Interest	124 90
Traveling expenses	11 50
Sunday School Hymnal	2 64
Supplies for printing department	12 85
Water rents	96 25
Customers' accounts	471 68
Campaign expenses	300 25
Hymnals	15 81
Advertising	16 00
Sumter street building	18,005 00
Taxes	18 45
Insurance	97 00
Auditor's fee	52 50
Bills receivable	4,241 12
Cash	
Total	$38,151 16

Receipts.

Cash on hand	$ 1,679 96
Customers' accounts	7,231 02
Tidings	139 70
Lutheran Church Visitor	2,278 42
Merchandise	913 00
Hymnals	70 67
Sunday School Hymnal	231 35
Bonds receivable	9,500 00
Printing department	27 30
Scripture Lessons	1 85
Property fund	350 00
Bills receivable	15 00
Interest	888 96
Bills payable	14,500 00
Advertising	323 93
Total	$38,151 16

W. H. GREEVER.

RECAPITULATION.

It is proper yet to report that our new building on Sumter street is almost ready for occupancy, and was so nearly completed that on Sunday, November 10th, it was consecrated to the service for which it is intended, with appropriate and impressive services. This building is 38 feet wide, 118 feet long, and four stories high. The first floor has been arranged so as to accommodate a good sized book store, business and editorial offices, directors' room and storage stock rooms. The second, third and fourth stories have been arranged for use as offices, or as an institution, say a hospice for young men or for young women, and the construction is such as to allow the removal of all partitions and the complete rearrangement of floors as desired. These three floors have been leased until needed for other purposes at a rental of $2,500 per year. The building has electric lights and gas throughout, with complete lavatory accommodations, and is heated by steam. The building is pronounced one of the handsomest and best in the city of Columbia. The Board has received hundreds of congratulations upon the completion of this building, and especially upon the fact that it is free from debt.

The Board has unofficial information that encouraging progress is being made toward securing a Common Sunday school literature. In this we rejoice, and your Board stands ready to cooperate in every way possible.

In accordance with the expressed wish of the United Synod that financial statements be furnished in the fullest and most satisfactory form possible we secured the services of a professional auditor, through the auditing committee of the Board, and we have accepted his reports, which were examined and approved by our auditing committee, as the report of our Treasurer.

The marked increase in the circulation and use of Church literature leads us to urge upon the United Synod the importance of the largest possible degree of cooperation by all forces for the promotion of this institution of education, inspiration and edification.

W. P. CLINE, President.

Under this report the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Common Service and the Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication, with the manager of the Board, confer and fix the royalty on the Book of Worship and report the same to the Synod.

At this stage of our proceedings, Governor Joseph M. Brown, of the State of Georgia, was introduced to the Synod. The Synod received the governor standing. He then addressed the Synod, and was responded to by the President of Synod.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension submitted the following report, which was referred to Committee on said report:

Report of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod in the South, appointed at the last convention of the United Synod, Richmond, Va., September 6, 1910, consists of the following: Revs. R. L. Patterson, D.D., V. Y. Boozer, C. L. Miller and Messrs. B. B. Miller and C. E. Boger. To it was entrusted the work of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod during the past biennium The following report is a record of the work done during that period, and is submitted for your consideration. The Board has endeavored to discharge the trust committed to it, conditioned by the time and ability at the disposal of its members, and limited by the means provided by the churches.

On September 29, 1910, the Board held its first meeting in the office of Judge B. B. Miller, Salisbury, N. C., and effected the following organization:

President, Rev. R. L. Patterson, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.

Secretary, Rev. C. L. Miller, Hickory, N. C.

Treasurer, Mr. T. Edgar Johnston, Spencer, N. C.

The office of Judge B. B. Miller in Salisbury, N. C., being centrally located and kindly tendered free of cost to the Board for its use, was chosen as the place of meeting.

For systematic handling of the work of the Board, all official correspondence was directed to be sent to the President of the Board. He was also empowered to sign all vouchers for missionaries' salaries and to draw and sign all other orders which the Treasurer is authorized to pay.

The Board, from first to last, has held eleven meetings. These meetings were held on call of the President. When matters of sufficient importance needed consideration and attention, the President assembled the Board for action.

Your Board has done its best to carry forward the work inherited from its predecessors in a manner fair to the missions concerned and the United Synod supporting them. We have tried to encourage each mission to do its best toward self-maintenance, without inflicting burdens too grievous to be borne on the mission.

OLD WORK CONTINUED.

Morristown-Greeneville, Tenn. This field has been vacant all through our administration until May 1, of this year. This has not been on account of indifference on the part of your Board, nor of the field either, but because a man could not be found willing to engage in the work, prior to the time when the present pastor, the Rev. J. G. Graichen, accepted the call to the work. In Morristown there are 37 enrolled members, in Greeneville, 21. Your Board pays on salary $300 per year and the two congregations $350. The Holston Synod is also interested in this work, and contributes $250 to its maintenance. Since the coming of a pastor, encouraging additions have been made to the membership, and a Woman's Missionary Society organized. A desirable lot has been purchased with the help of the Holston Synod. The great need of this mission is a new church at the earliest possible date.

Bristol, Tenn.-Va. This mission came under the care of your Board with Rev. John W. Link serving as pastor. It prospered under his ministry, growing in numbers, and increasing in the grace of giving. Pastor Link resigned December 1, 1911, and the mission has been vacant since that time. The pastorate consists of the mission congregation and Buehler's church in the country, and has a total membership of 176, and a Sunday school enrollment of 182. The support of the pastor is provided by the following arrange-

ment: United Synod Board $200, the pastorate $450, Southwestern Virginia Synod and Woman's Missionary Society $160. The field is a promising one, and should not longer remain vacant.

Bluefield-Graham. This mission has had a change of pastors and a four months' vacancy during the biennium. Rev. C. R. W. Kegley was pastor until November 1, 1911. March 1, 1912, Rev. K. Y. Umberger became pastor. In Bluefield there are 50 resident members and at Graham 42. The mission contributes to pastor's support $736; the Board gives $264. The development of this work requires patience and perseverance, but the field is an important one. The present outlook is encouraging.

Spartanburg, S. C. This mission has an enrolled membership of 50. The church building has been paid for. The missionary, Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., is self-sacrificing and faithful to his charge. Our Board has increased its appropriation to this mission from $120 to $180 per year. The South Carolina Synod largely supports the work, paying $575 per year on the salary. The mission pays only parsonage rent, or $240 per year. The mission promises future growth. There is a Sunday school of 50 members and a Luther League of 25.

Olympia Mills. Pastor Weltner still remains faithful and successful in this field. There is a Sunday school of 190 and an average attendance of 150. The congregation has a membership of 90 and an average attendance of 70. The Board has continued its appropriation of $200 per year to salary, having been informed that this support was essential to the continuation of the work.

Greensboro, N. C. The work in this city has made excellent progress during the biennium. They have erected a beautiful church costing $12,000, and rmodeled their parsonage in such manner as to give them a most excellent church property all without any assistance from the Board. They are now paying one-half of their pastor's salary, or $600 per year, the Board paying an equal amount. They have an enrolled membership of 70 and a Sunday school of 75 scholars. The congregation has an excellent choir, and the future of the congregation looks indeed bright. Your Board has cancelled all its obligations to the Greensboro Mission, paying the balance, $1,525, due on the purchase price of the lot, at the beginning of the biennium. At the request of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the North Carolina Synod and also the congregation's officers, your Board executed a mortgage on the property to the officers of the congregation to enable them to borrow money against their own collateral, to complete the church building. The Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Synod

adopted Greensboro as its Home Mission point, and has contributed liberally toward the erection of the church. Greensboro has been one of the most successful examples of Home Mission work in the United Synod.

Lenoir, N. C. This field has had a change of pastors during the biennium, although it did not suffer from any vacancy, Pastor Deal taking up the work as Pastor Yount laid it down. We have here a good lot and a pretty brick church, with Sunday school basement, on the best street in the town. The congregation enrolls 31 members and should have a sure, steady growth. Two other congregations are joined in the pastorate, and, altogether the work should come to self-support within the next biennium. The mission church owes $300 only on its property, and the charge pays $265 on pastor's salary. The Board pays $400 per year.

Brunswick, Ga. On November 26, 1911, the Board paid $1,000 on the appropriation to the church building of this mission, thus discharging the obligation of $3,000 in full.

NEW WORK UNDERTAKEN.

Greenville, S. C. This mission was brought to the attention of the Board in November, 1910. It was then under the care of the Executive Committee of South Carolina Synod, being served by Pastor T. B. Epting, from Walhalla. An organization had been effected and 42 members enrolled. At first an effort was made to form a charge of Greenville and Walhalla, but this was found unsatisfactory to both congregations. The Board decided to place a man at Greenville as soon as possible. In March, 1912, after conference between the Board, the congregation and the Executive Committee of South Carolina Synod, an option was taken on a lot containing an eight room house at price of $10,000. The lot is admirably located and is large enough for church and parsonage. This property was finally purchased, your Board obligating itself to pay one-half of the purchase price, and the congregation and the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Synod obligating themselves to pay the remaining half, and erect a suitable church building. Considerable time and effort were consumed in obtaining a pastor for the work and it was not until March 1st of this year that a pastor was located in the person of Rev. C. L. Miller. He has worked upon the ground for a little more than six months, and has found a very fruitful field.

The Board has now paid $3,500 of its obligation, the congregation $1,250, and the South Carolina Synod $250, leaving a balance of

$5,000 as indebtedness. The enrolled membership is 60, the Sunday school numbers 64. The outlook is very promising for rapid development, and the prospect is for a duplication of the success achieved at Greensboro, N. C. Greenville is an industrial and railway centre of untold possibilities, and in growing towns around it is a Home Mission field full of promise. Hence the importance of quickly putting the mission there upon solid footing.

Birmingham, Ala. To Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., and the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, the credit is due for the inauguration of this promising work. In February and March, 1911, Pastor Schaeffer and officers of his church made a canvass and began preaching services. The congregation was organized with 45 charter members, and the "every member" canvass for contributions showed liberal pledges for both church support and benevolence. The congregation through its officers made application to the Board for aid in securing a pastor, offering to contribute one-half of the pastor's salary and meet all other expenses for the present. The Board took the mission and united with the congregation in a call to Rev. E. H. Copenhaver, of Chicago. Pastor Copenhaver took charge October 2, 1911, and the work has gone steadily forward from that date. It now has an enrolled membership of 58 and a Sunday school of 34. Services are held in a second floor hall. The great need of this mission is a lot wisely chosen and a church building erected thereon, which will attract and hold the Lutherans of the city, and give our Church recognition among the religious forces of this "Pittsburgh of the South," worthy of the faith and history of the Mother of Protestantism. The Mission and is pastor have already begun to be a Home Mission force, in that they have voluntarily taken steps toward gathering a congregation in Ensley, a suburb of Birmingham, where services have been held once a Sunday with an average attendance of 18. Shall we organize and push Ensley also?

Just at this moment Birmingham emphasizes the need of an adequate Church Extension Fund. Unless property is acquired, which will give evidence of the permanency of the work at an early date, the work is bound to suffer.

The Board contributes $600 per year to the pastor's salary.

Lakeland-St. Petersburg, Fla. This mission was brought to our attention by the President of the Georgia Synod early in 1911. The work at that time was comprised only of Lakeland, and the congregation was paying $350 on salary and the Georgia Synod $400 additional. This amount the Georgia Synod still contributes, and the pastorate, now composed of Lakeland and St. Petersburg, pays

$600 per year. To the work at Lakeland your Board contributed $1,000 toward the church building. The congregation has a good brick structure, although there is a debt of $1,800 on the property. There is a membership of 35 at Lakeland. The town is said to be growing and the outlook is bright.

The congregation at St. Petersburg has erected a neat frame church at its own expense. Your Board has contributed nothing to St. Petersburg, except the expense of the missionary, Rev. H. J. Mathias, in serving that work from Lakeland. The membership is 29, and the indebtedness on their property is $3,800. There evidently is a good future for this work.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

The Virginia Synod made official application at the last meeting of the Board, October 9, 1912, for aid in the support of its mission at Portsmouth, Va. The amount asked is $700 per year. The Board was inclined to grant the request, but in view of the near approach of United Synod and the end of this Board's tenure of office it was thought best to defer action with favorable commendation to the new Board.

At the same meeting the Board was unofficially requested to consider the granting of aid to Raleigh, N. C., in the purchase of a lot for a church in that city. Unofficial request was made for aid in the support of a pastor in the St. Barnabas-Summerville-Mt. Pleasant pastorate, Charleston, S. C. And the claims of Chattanooga, Tenn., were presented with a suggestion of aid in the making of canvass looking to organization. Action was deferred, and counsel is asked from this convention.

ANALYSIS AND COMPARISONS OF RECEIPTS.

Synods:	1908-1910			1910-1912		
	Home Missions	Church Extensions	Women's Societies	Home Missions	Church Extensions	Women's Societies
N. Carolina	$1,053 31	$.....	$ 500 00	$1,344 00	$ 671 98	$ 612 40
Tennessee	636 33	.....	.....	579 07	289 00	.....
S. Carolina	689 88	241 20	350 00	1,059 22	253 57	500 00
Virginia	1,809 25	.....	.....	1,922 98	1,296 62	.....
S. W. Virginia	874 24	.....	200 00	583 90	84 72	626 44
Georgia	1,654 46	140 56	.....	1,451 48	143 88	.....
Holston	360 24	56 00	.....	478 41	33 44	.....
Mississippi	88 49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$7,316 20	$437 76	$1.050 00	$7,420 06	$2,773 21	$1,738 84

Note: In the 1908-10 table the sum of $749.82 from the Mission League is not included. In the 1910-12 table Mission League offerings are included in the Synodical amounts. In this table there is also a division between Home Missions and Church Extension of some amounts that were sent to our Treasurer simply marked "Home Missions."

SPECIAL RECEIPTS 1910-1912.

From individuals	$ 66 00
From Joint Conference (S. C.)	9 49
From Equity in Fitzgerald, Ga., property	250 00
From Beutell bequest	752 59
From J. J. Lown bequest	200 00
From interest on J. B. Hyler bequest	140 00
From payment on loan to W. H. and F. M. Society, S. C. Synod	200 00
Total	$1,619 08

BEUTELL BEQUEST.

On October 18, 1911, your Board received from Mr. James A. Cline, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, a check for $753.79, being the portion allotted to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension from the estate of the late J. M. Beutell, of Winchester, Va. The Board executed an agreement with Mr. J. E. Cooper, executor, to indemnify him in case suit for recovery of this money should be brought by heirs of said Beutell. The Board asks for instructions from United Synod concerning the use of this fund.

EXPENSES OF THE WORK.

The expenses of the Board incident to holding eleven meetings and the administration and presentation of the cause amount to $352.57. Of this amount $213.86 were expended for postage, express, telephone, telegraph, traveling and hotel accommodations; and the remainder—$138.71—was expended for envelopes, literature, programs and stationery. About one-fifth of the entire expense was incurred by the President and Secretary of the Board in presenting the cause before synodical conventions. All synods were visited except the Virginia and Mississippi Synods."

LUTHER DAY SERVICES.

With the kind cooperation of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod North, your Board was enabled to issue two services for the Reformation Festival for the use of our Sunday schools. For 1911 an edition of 7,000 copies was printed and for 1912 an edition of 5,000. These services have been helpful. The Board acknowledges it obligation to the General Synod's Board for the favor of these services at cost.

LUTHERAN COMITY IN HOME MISSIONS.

Since the last meeting of your Board, there has come to the hands of the President of the Board a letter from Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, General Superintendent of English Home Missions of the General Council, requesting that this body join in holding a meeting of "all representatives of all the Home Mission Boards of our Lutheran Church in this country to awaken a greater interest in this cause, for the purpose of coming to an understanding and amicable arrangement by which all interference with each other's right, work and territory may be avoided, all waste of men and money obviated and a united effort made to cultivate the entire field without raising altar against altar." Your President has answered this letter in favorable tone, but the Board asks for definite instructions from this convention.

EMPLOYMENT OF FIELD SECRETARY.

Your Board notes the request of the former Board for authority to employ a Field Secretary of Home Missions for the United Synod and the granting of the same by the last convention of this body. Your Board did not regard this action as mandatory, and, after careful consideration, in view of the number of special efforts being made during the biennium, it was decided to postpone action until after this convention. Your Board now believes that the time has come for a great forward movement in Home Missions in the United Synod and asks for the reaffirmation of the action of the last convention as to the calling of a Field Secretary.

AN ADEQUATE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Next in importance to the employment of a Field Secretary, and as the largest contribution to the success of his work, your Board asks for the raising of an adequate Church Extension Loan Fund. Two of our most promising missions must languish now for the lack of a few thousand dollars to put into church property. We should

aim at nothing less than $50,000 to be used as a perpetual ... fund. The present "Augusta Plan" should be continued as one method of Church Extension aid, but there should be a fund which comes back into the treasury to go out again on its mission of love. Your Board asks for the raising of such a fund, and requests the aid of the Executive Committee and Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the undertaking.

CO-ORDINATION AND UNIFICATION OF HOME MISSION WORK.

In accordance with resolution on page 61 minutes of United Synod, convention of 1910, and in response to an overture from the Georgia Synod your Board formulated a plan for the unification of the Home Mission work of the United Synod and its various District Synods. The same was communicated to the Presidents of District Synods for criticism. Your Board after weighing the different answers received would submit the following outline for your consideration:

First. That all the District Synods place their Home Mission work under the care of the United Synod Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Second. That said Board be so constituted and so related to the Executive Committee of the District Synods as to preserve a most intimate knowledge of the work now being done by the District Synods and insure that work against loss or injury.

Third. That the Apportionment Columns for United Synod Home Missions and Church Extension and Synodical Home Missions be consolidated, and the apportionment be made equal to the sum of both by the District Synods.

Fourth. The nomination of pastors for mission congregations shall be made by the Executive Committee of the District Synod in which the mission is located and the election by the congregation shall receive the indorsement of the Board of Home Missions.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Board believes that all applications for aid by this Board should come to it from the Executive Committee of the District Synod in which the mission is located and not from individuals or congregations directly, and asks for a ruling upon this suggestion by this convention.

Your Board asks for the apportionment of the same amount to the District Synods for United Synod Home Missions and Church Extension as for the past biennium. Attention is called to the difference between the $30,000 apportioned and the $12,000 raised.

This convention is asked to consider the adoption of a form of "Pledge Card" for the use of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in canvassing our congregations for missions which will preserve the proper balance between the benevolent causes and be in harmony with the apportionment adopted by this body.

We recommend that United Synod fix a date for the ending of the biennium, and have all reports and statistics conform to that date. The statistical reports covering the work of United Synod Home Missions in the minutes, we regard as unsatisfactory, and we recommend a revision and enlargement of the same.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The copy of the charter of this board has never come into our hands. Your Board would inquire concerning it. It is printed in the last minutes, and may be in the hands of the Board of Publication or the Secretary of this body.

Your Board has not received the proper papers for the money given to the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, or the church at Brunswick, Ga., according to the Augusta mortgage loan plan.

On page 55 minutes of last convention, reference is made to a deed for a lot in Fitzgerald, Ga. Your Board secured the deed from Attorney Shearouse. It was a conveyance of the property by one Hooker to the Board after it had been sold for taxes. With the help of the President of the Georgia Synod, your Board came into correspondence with an attorney in Fitzgerald, and has been endeavoring to sell the lot, which is not adapted for a church location. Before we got in touch with the business, the lot had been sold for taxes and purchased by the city. At a subsequent sale it was bid in by our attorney and is now held by him. Unless a buyer can be found who will pay more than the taxes and costs of executions against the property, it is useless to continue to redeem this lot.

Your Board returns to you the trust committed to it, conscious of the imperfections of its performance of duty, and trusting that its successors in office will accomplish larger results in the coming biennium. With gratitude to God for His blessings and thanking those who have cooperated with us in the past, we are,

Yours for Home Missions and Church Extension,

R. L. PATTERSON,
V. Y. BOOZER,
C. L. MILLER,
B. B. MILLER,
C. E. BOGER.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Missions and Church Extension, consisting of R. L. Patterson, C. L. Miller, V. Y. Boozer, C. E. Boger, and B. B. Miller, was organized by electing B. B. Miller, President; V. Y. Boozer, Secretary, T. E. Johnston, Treasurer.

No seal of said corporation has come into the hands of the Board as now organized, and in its business transactions said Board has used a de facto seal.

The following business transactions have been made:

Collected mortgage of $2,000 upon the Theological Seminary property at Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, known as "Bernheim Hall," executed formal release of the property and paid the money to the Board of Foreign Missions, pursuant to the action of the United Synod at Richmond.

Released the mortgage for $4,000 on the property formerly occupied by St. John's English Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, and secured the execution of a new mortgage for the same amount and same conditions on the new church site, the new mortgage being made to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Collected $250 in satisfaction of an equity in property at Fitzgerald, Georgia, owned by the Georgia Synod, formally releasing the property and paying the money to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Pursuant to the specific instructions of the United Synod at the Richmond convention, the Board of Missions and Church Extension transferred and assigned to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension the following notes, and mortgages, to wit:

Holy Trinity Congregation, Newport News, Va.

Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augusta, Ga.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Va.

St. Mark's Church, Goodman, Miss.

Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church, Spartanburg, S. C.

Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greeneville, Tenn.

There came into the possession of the Board certain papers in respect to the First English Lutheran Church, Richmond, Va., accompanied by a certificate of R. C. Holland that they had been superseded by other negotiations. No indorsement was made as to these papers.

In the report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension to the Twelfth Convention of the United Synod held at Richmond, Va., there is references to a mortgage on the Atlanta church. This

mortgage did not come into the possession of the Board as now organized. No other assets are in possession of the Board.

Obedient to the instructions of the United Synod at the Twelfth Convention held at Richmond, Va., the Board of Missions and Church Extension executed and delivered to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension a formal transfer and assignment of all mortgages, notes, choses in action, property, real and personal and of every kind, character and description and wheresoever situate, including that now existing in favor of and that hereafter accruing to the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted.

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

By B. B. MILLER, Pres.

Attest: V. Y. BOOZER, Sec'y.

REPORT OF T. E. JOHNSTON, TREASURER.

1910. RECEIVED ACCOUNT MISSION LEAGUE.

Oct. 10.	Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treas. Tenn. Synod	$	10 00
	Rev. R. A. Yoder, Treas. Tenn. Synod		10 00
	Rev. M. L. Mauney, Treas. Tenn. Synod		20 00
	Total Mission League	$	40 00

1912.

Oct. 25.	Loaned Home Mission Fund	$	40 00

RECEIVED FOR ACCOUNT CHURCH EXTENSION.

1910.

Oct. 10.	Virginia Synod	$	1,070 68
	Southwest Virginia Synod		46 72
	Tennessee Synod		15 35
	Holston Synod		33 44
	South Carolina Synod		226 67
	Georgia Synod		143 88
	North Carolina Synod		25 00
	C. N., F. N., and S. E. Cover		25 00
	J. B. Hyler bequest		70 00
	J. B. Hyler bequest		70 00
	Borrowed from Mrs. Miller		1,000 00
		$	2,701 68

1912.

Oct. 25.	Borrowed from Home Mission Fund	5,499 14
		$ 8,200 82

DISBURSEMENTS FOR CHURCH EXTENSION.

1910.

Oct. 10.	Mrs. Miller in full of prin. on note .....$	1,000 00
	Mrs. Miller interest 6 months	30 00
	J. M. Gnann, Treasurer, Brunswick, Ga.	1,000 00
	H. C. McNight, Treasurer, Greenville, S. C.	3,500 00
	H. C. McNight, Treasurer, int. on unpaid subscription	67 42
	D. R. Huffines, Greensboro, N. C., property ...	1,603 40
	P. J. Ottinger, Treasurer, Lakeland, Fla.	600 00
	P. J. Ottinger, Treasurer, Lakeland, Fla., loan	400 00
		$ 8,200 82

HOME MISSION FUND.

1910.

Oct. 10.	To balance from J. M. Rhodes, Treasurer ....$	1,063 63
	Virginia Synod	2,155 06
	Southwest Virginia Synod	1,227 91
	Tennessee Synod	958 15
	Holston Synod	474 48
	North Carolina	2,628 38
	South Carolina Synod	2,145 61
	Georgia Synod	1,806 93
	J. M. Beutell bequest	753 73
	Equity Sale Fitzgerald church	250 00
	J. J. Lown bequest	200 00
	C. N., S. E., and F. S. Cover	25 00
		$13,688 94
	Sale Bernheim Hall	2,000 00
	Borrowed from Home Missions	2,701 68
	Borrowed from Mission League	40 00
	Total from all sources .....$	18,430 62

DISBURSEMENTS OF HOME MISSION FUND.

1910.

Oct. 10.	Southwest Virginia Synod Missions .....$	414 16

North Carolina Synod Missions	1,575 00
Tennessee Synod Missions	633 30
Holston Synod Missions	487 50
South Carolina Synod Missions	954 00
Georgia Synod Missions	749 45
Dr. Bernheim Annuity (four payments of $90 each)	360 00
Dr. C. L. Kibler, Treasurer Seminary (Thompson)	200 00
Expenses Board meetings and Synod meetings	269 04
Stationery, etc.	150 81
Total for Home Missions	$ 5,793 26
Amt. used for Church Extension	$ 8,200 82
Amt. paid J. A. Cline, Treasurer, Bernheim H.	2,000 00
Balance in treasury	2,436 54
	$18,430 62

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the South:

We, your committee, appointed to audit the books of Mr. T. Edgar Johnston, Treasurer, beg to submit the following report:

Including the balance of $1,063.63 turned over by the former treasurer, the total receipts as shown by his books from October 10, 1910, to October 9, 1912, are $17,410.02.

Against this total amount in his hands, we find correct vouchers for money expended to the amount of $14,906.02. This leaves a balance on hand of $2,504.

In the above report your committee has passed vouchers for $25, $50, $37.50, $18, and $4, for which no receipts have been returned.

J. M. Hendrix,
Chas. E. Boger,
Auditing Committee.

Concord, N. C., October 19, 1912.

The Synod, on motion, adjourned to be reconvened at 3 p. m. today.

Benediction by Rev. H. M. Brown.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1912, 3 P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Peter Miller.

Rev. M. M. Kinard, official visitor to the General Council, made his report, which was adopted as follows:

Report of Official Visitor to the General Council.

Mr. President and Brethren: At the last convention of this body held two years ago in the city of Richmond, Virginia, I was chosen as official visitor of the United Synod in the South to the thirty-third convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. I attended the convention of that body which met on Thursday, September 14-19, 1911, in Holy Trinity Lutheran church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It was my privilege to be present at the opening session and to remain through most of the sessions of the memorable convention. As your representative I was most cordially received and hospitably entertained during my stay.

Monday afternoon, September 18, was the time fixed to hear the official visitor from other General Lutheran bodies.

Rev. F. A. Richter, D.D., of Clinton, Iowa, presented the greetings of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and other States. He spoke in the German language. Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, spoke words of greeting from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Your representative presented the greetings of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South. To each of these addresses the President, the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, made a warm and most fitting response.

Your representative was very favorably impressed with the personnel of the body and the orderly handling of the business that came before the convention. The great causes of missions, Christian education and all benevolent work demanding attention at the hands of all our Church bodies received special attention by the General Council. A special matter before the convention attracting great attention was the plan for the raising of the Quadri-Centennial Jubilee Fund of $2,000,000, to be completed before October 31, 1917. This fund is to be equally divided, $1,000,000 to constitute a Ministerial Pension Fund, to be invested, the income of which shall be used for needy ministers and their families. The other $1,000,000 is to be invested in the interest of home and foreign missions. The fund is to be largely the result of the Laymen's Missionary Move-

ment in the General Council. This great work commends itself to the United Synod as well as to the whole Church. Your representative in presenting the greetings of the United Synod stressed the close and pleasant relation existing between the two General Bodies. He expressed the fond hope that there may be the most hearty cooperation on the part of the two bodies in the foreign work in Japan, and in the home mission work in the far South, since both have the same confessional basis and teach and preach the same pure doctrines of God's holy Word.

Speaking for the General Council, the President, Rev. Dr. Schmauk, requested me to assure the United Synod that the brethren of the Council have watched with keen interest and admiration the work and growth of the United Synod and bids the brethren of the Southland Godspeed in the work of building up the Church of the Reformation in complete harmony with the work of the fathers who made possible great things for us and our posterity.

The Council assured your representative that at the proper time an official visitor would be duly chosen and authorized to bear the fraternal greetings of the General Council to the thirteenth convention of the United Synod to be held in Atlanta, Ga., beginning November 12, 1912. The Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., of Reading, Pa., was chosen as the official visitor with the Rev. W. C. Hunton Ph.D., of Philadelphia, Pa., as alternate. The next convention of the General Council will be held in Toledo, Ohio, September 9, 1913. The General Council is composed of thirteen district synods and comprises a communicant membership of almost five hundred thousand.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL M. KINARD.

Rev. C. A. Freed, fraternal representative to the General Synod, made his report, which was adopted:

Report of Fraternal Delegate to General Synod.

Mr. President, Fathers and Brethren: As your delegate it was my pleasure to attend the forty-fifth convention of the General Synod held in Washington, D. C., June 7-14, 1911. We met with a warm reception, and were given an attentive hearing in presenting the fraternal greetings of this body. The President, the Rev. J. B. Remensynder, D.D., in his cordial reply, recalled many pleasant memories of his ministry as a pastor within our territory. It was our privilege to be present at the dedication of the new Deaconess Motherhouse in Baltimore, an institution receiving well deserved support and now substantially equipped for great service

to the Church. In the work of education, publication, Home and Foreign missions the report of the boards showed an intelligent, practical grasp of the opportunities before this large body. The adoption of certain clear-cut doctrinal statements at this meeting indicates that behind the active, progressive spirit of service there is also a zeal for the truth in its clearness and purity. This declaration of fidelity to our confessions was not simply a source of joy to the members of the General Synod, but commends itself to the other general bodies of Lutherans in America. In keeping with the spirit of this body heretofore, an official representative was elected to bear their fraternal greetings to the United Synod at this convention.

Respecfully submitted,

C. A. FREED.

Rev. Prof. Holmes Dysinger, D.D., and Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., then addressed the Synod, bearing most hearty greetings from their respective Synods. These were responded to by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, and Rev. J. A. Morehead.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. Report referred to committee on said report.

Standing Committees.

The Standing Committees were announced as follows:

No. 1. *On President's Report.*—Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., Rev. J. E. Shenk, E. L. Greever, Esq., Mr. H. E. Dreeson.

No. 2. *On Minutes of Last Convention.*—Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., Rev. John Hall, Rev. H. M. Brown, Messrs. F. R. Epting, and Jno. M. Lichtenwanger.

No. 3. *On District Synods*—Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Rev. J. L. Morgan, Rev. G. H. Rhodes, Messrs. S. T. Shank and W. E. Bible.

No. 4. *On Devotional Services.*—Pastor Loci and officers of Synod.

No. 5. *On Theological Seminary.*—Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D., Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., Rev. Prof. R. L. Fritz, and Msssrs. H. L. Bonham and Jacob Umlauf.

No. 6. *On Literary Institutions.*—Rev. T. O. Keister, D.D., Revs. H. A. McCullough, Rev. C. K. Bell and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and E. C. Swygert.

No. 7. *On Orphan Home.*—Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Rev. C. A. Brown, and Messrs. J. M. Rhodes and Chas. H. Stieglitz.

No. 8. *On Home Missions.*—Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., Rev. Jas. D. Kinard, and Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel and Dr. C. L. Kibler.

No. 9. *On Foreign Missions.*—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D.D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., and Mr. Jas. Heilig and Col. Jno. F. Ficken.

No. 10. *On Board of Publication.*—Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Rev. J. B. Greiner, D.D., Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., and Messrs. Jno. D. Cappelmann and R. W. Kime.

No. 11. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Rev. R. L. Patterson, D.D., Rev. T. W. Shealy, Rev. W. H. Roof, Mr. A. H. Kohn, Prof. C. E. Boger and Mr. J. S. Etter.

No. 12. *On Finance.*—Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D., Rev. E. L. Ritchie, Rev. W. L. Darr, Messrs. B. L. Umberger, P. C. Price, J. P. Wise and F. R. Epting.

No. 13. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Prof. G. F. McAllister, Messrs. Kenneth Baker, and H. L. Bonham.

No. 14. *On Church Literature.*—Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Rev. H. G. Davis, Rev. Chas. A. Phillips, Messrs. G. C. Hine and W. P. Houseal.

No. 15. *To Nominate Fraternal Delegates.*—Revs. E. J. Sox, P. E. Monroe, Theo. C. Parker, and Messrs. E. F. Irick and C. M. Thompson.

On motion all visiting ministers of the United Synod were made advisory members.

Rev. C. A. Freed being called home to attend a funeral, Rev. J. H. Wilson takes his place on the delegation of the South Carolina Synod, and Rev. Jas. D. Kinard becomes chairman of the delegation.

Synod adjourned with benediction by Rev. R. L. Patterson.

At 8 p. m. Vesper service was conducted by Rev. V. Y. Boozer, and addresses were made by Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., on Foreign Missions, and Rev. M. J. Epting on Home Missions.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1912, 9 A. M.

Synod convened, and devotional services were conducted by Rev. Chas. K. Hunton.

Roll was called, and minutes of the sessions of yesterday were approved.

The President announced additional committees, completing the list of Standing Committees.

On motion, hereafter all titles of ministers will be omitted from the body of our minutes, except on the Roll of Synod, and in recording names of officers elected.

Rev. Geo. H. Cox was re-elected Statistical Secretary.

Bill rendered by the Secretary, for $3, for stationery and postage, ordered paid.

The Report of Committee on Board of Education was submitted, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Board of Education.

Your Committee, appointed to take under consideration the advisability of the creation of a regular Board of Education, beg leave to report as follows:

It is true, as stated in the report of the Committee on Literary Institutions at the last convention of the United Synod, that this body views the cause of Christian education in its unity; that the need for such a view increases as the unity of the Church grows; and that the whole subject of Christian education in the United Synod should receive continuous and thorough consideration. At the present stage of the growth of the United Synod, a Board of Education could have only advisory powers, but it could exercise functions that would be of great value and importance in promoting interest and unity in the growth of our literary institutions. It is important that, as far as practicable, our schools and colleges should be standardized and correlated, and our educational interests unified. A Board of Education, holding office continuously, and not reporting to Synod hurriedly, as has necessarily been the custom of the Committee on Literary Institutions, could keep in constant touch with our institutions of learning; could obtain and formulate information relating to them and the general cause of Christian education; could arrange for meetings of the professors and trustees of our schools and colleges; and, generally, could maintain a friendly and fostering relationship between our literary institutions and the United Synod.

Our literary institutions are now owned and operated by the District Synods, but, as the United Synod grows in unity and cohesiveness, the functions and duties of the Board of Education will become more practical, and there will be increasing opportunity for it to be of assistance to the general cause of Christian education in our Church.

We recommend:

1. That the United Synod create a Board of Education to be composed of five members, who shall hold office for two years and until their successors shall have been elected.

2. That the Board of Education elected at this convention of the United Synod be authorized to adopt by-laws and rules for its government and defining the scope of its authority, the same to be reported to the United Synod at its next convention for its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER,
C. L. MILLER,
A. D. R. HANCHER.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary submitted its report, which was received and referred to Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Joint Commission on the Theological Seminary reported. Report was received and referred to Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Corporation Board of the Orphan Home reported. Report received, and referred to Committee on Orphan Home.

The following Committee to Nominate Board of Education was appointed: Revs. W. P. Cline, J. J. Scherer, Jr., and Prof. G. F. McAllister.

The report of visitor to Elizabeth College was adopted as follows:

Report of Visitor to Elizabeth College.

Since the last meeting of the United Synod I have visited Elizabeth College frequently and have had numerous conferences with the President of the college. The attendance of students has been encouraging and the college has maintained the high standards for which it has become noted. We commend Elizabeth College to those

who seek higher education for young women in a wholesome Christian environment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER.

The Committee on Common Sunday School Literature reported. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on a Common Sunday School Literature.

The General Synod and the General Council have appointed the committees asked for by the United Synod for cooperative work with this committee in the preparation of a Common Sunday school literature for all Lutheran Churches. The United Synod committee has been in close communication with these other committees since they were appointed, and, though no joint meeting has been held, decided progress has been made in the direction desired. We would report to the United Synod that the possibilities of something tangible and acceptable in this matter are more real than ever before and the prospects are bright. We would recommend, therefore, that the United Synod continue these negotiations, through a committee, especially as the United Synod, being without a literature of its own, is in a good position to take the initiative in the movement for something definite.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
H. A. McCULLOUGH.

Committee on Common Book of Worship considered by items, and adopted with recommendations as follows:

Report of Committee on Common Book of Worship.

The single interest of the United Synod with which your committee has had to deal since the convention in Richmond is the matter of the publication of a Common Book of Worship. In accordance with your instructions (see Minutes, 1910, p. 25), your committee withheld from publication the book which it reported as ready for the printers at the last meeting of this body, and has cooperated, as far as it was practicable, with the Joint Committee of the General Bodies in the effort to provide a Common Book, as regard both liturgy and hymns, with musical settings. The Joint Committee has had two meetings, both in Philadelphia. The first was held on November 1 and 2, 1910, and was attended by the chairman of

your committee; the other, which was held on the 15th of November, 1911, we were represented by the Rev. E. C. Cronk.

At the first meeting nearly all of the hymns in the Provisional Copy of the Hymnal, which is in use among us at present, were carefully examined and finally passed upon, a record being kept of those that were adopted, of those that were rejected, and of those that were referred. A number of hymns not found in the Provisional Copy were also proposed, some of which were adopted and others referred. Action was also taken at this meeting providing for the formation of three subcommittees, as follows. On Text of Hymns, on Liturgy, and on Music. Each of these subcommittees, according to the resolution, was to be composed of six members, giving equal representation to the three General Bodies cooperating in the work; and the committee of each of the General Bodies was requested to select its own representatives in these several subcommittees. Accordingly, at a meeting of your committee held in Charleston, S. C., November 10, 1910, the following appointments were made: On *Text of Hymns*, Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., C. Armand Miller, DD.; *On Liturgy*, Revs. A. G. Voigt, D.D., and L. A. Fox, D.D.; *On Music*, Revs. E. C. Cronk and W. A. Snyder.

The subcommittee on Text of Hymns took up its work promptly and vigorously. It held three meetings in the early part of 1911—January 3-4, April 26, and May 5. While your committee was not represented in person at these meetings, the results of our study relative to many points of the committee's work were transmitted by letter and "received very careful consideration."

At the second meeting of the Joint Committee, held November 15, 1911, the subcommittee on texts made a full report embodying the results of a great amount of critical work. This report was considered in Joint Committee, and, after action had been taken on the several items, the subcommittee on texts was authorized under certain instructions and limitations to prepare and print a proof copy for the use of members of the Joint Committee. This proof copy came from the press in July, 1912; a copy of it is herewith exhibited.

We may say that the text of the Hymnal is now practically complete, it remaining only for the Joint Committee to pass upon about thirty-six hymns, which the subcommittee on texts, in accordance with instructions, printed in the proof copy, and also upon the collection under the rubric, *Hymns For Children,* at the end of the book.

The subcommittee on Liturgy and that on Music also held meetings at the same time that the Joint Committee met, in November, 1911. The Committee on Music has adopted certain principles, but

obviously can not proceed until the work of the other subcommittees has been completed and adopted by the Joint Committee. The subcommittee on Liturgy is expected to submit its recommendation concerning the matter referred to it at the next meeting of the Joint Committee, which we have good reason to believe will be called before the end of the present year.

Your committee would call attention to the fact that the magnitude of the work in which the Joint Committee is engaged, the variety of processes involved, and the careful consideration and treatment of issues which arise from time to time, make it impossible for the committee to proceed with the rapidity with which a simpler undertaking might be carried forward. We would point with encouragement, however, to the great amount of work which has already been accomplished, the harmonious spirit which has characterized the meetings of the Joint Committee, and the hope which is entertained for the final completion of the work at no very distant day.

Recommendations and suggestions:

1. Your Committee asks for the approval of its acts and recommends the continuance of the work.

2. We recommend that provisions be made for the payment of the expenses of the committee in the prosecution of its work.

3. The following expenses were incurred during the past biennium: By Rev. E. C. Cronk, part expense of trip to Philadelphia, November, 1911, $22.50; by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, part expense of trip to Philadelphia, November 1, 1910, $17.35.

4. We call your attention to the fact that two members of your committee, viz, Revs. C. Armand Miller, D.D. and W. A. Snyder, D.D., have moved beyond the bounds of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
L. A. FOX,
E. C. CRONK.

On motion, expenses of the Committee were ordered paid; and the remaining four members of the committee were reappointed.

It was then

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the United Synod be and is hereby authorized to pay the necessary expenses of the Committee on the Common Book of Worship for the ensuing biennium and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to provide for the same.

The Committee on Report of the Board of Foreign Missions submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

Your committee has been deeply impressed with the whole situation and prospects of our foreign work, as revealed in the report of the Board. If our risen Lord and Christ is indeed "He that openeth and no man shutteth," then that hand once nailed to Calvary's cross is now wonderfully opening doors, great and effectual, before our faces, that we may enter in and proclaim His name and grace in Japan. For this we have prayed. How then can we refuse to enter the door which the blessed Christ sets open before us, and in answer to our own prayer? Is not His opening the door both loving request and command to us to enter? And is it not also promised, on His part, to give us all needed resources to occupy what He opens up to us? And as the field broadens and widens before us, and we sometimes fear it is growing beyond our ability to occupy, can we not hear Him say, "Is there anything too hard for God?" "Lo, I am with you alway," "My grace is sufficient for thee." "Where is your faith?"

Your committee would here recommend that we approve the actions of our Board as stated in the report, and assure the same that we deeply appreciate all they have done, and are doing, to aid us in fulfilling our Lord's great commission.

We rejoice in the fact that from our own Seminary has gone out a worker in the foreign field, and pray that the Lord of the harvest may be pleased to call many more, an ever increasing supply from the same source.

We also greatly rejoice in the cooperation of both the General Council and the Danish Synod in the Japan work, and assure them that the help of their workers is deeply appreciated in every direction in which their Boards may authorize their workers to cooperate with ours, and authorize our Board to cultivate such cooperation in every proper way in which opportunity may occur.

The United Synod would express its profound thankfulness to God, and to the dear brethren who have felt themselves moved to aid so effectually, by their benefactions and bequests, in enabling our Board to carry on our work abroad. In this connection we trust we may not be doing amiss to notice separately the large benefaction of our beloved brother, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, of $1,500 to the Japan school, whilst at the same time he is giving that

which is costliest and best of all, his own life and service, on the field, and assure him of our sincerest appreciation of the same.

Also, we would recommend that our Synod express its high sense of the value of the work that has been done among us by the representative of our Laymen's Movement, and our judgment that that work should still be carried forward.

Whilst our endorsement of the actions of the Board as exhibited in the Report would carry with it our endorsement of what it has done in connection with the sending of women workers to Japan, we would yet specially emphasize our approval of the proposition which our Board has made to the Woman's Conference with reference to its support of two young women as workers in Japan. We do earnestly hope that they, the Woman's Conference, may see their way clear to the providing for such support. Our work in Japan can not be well rounded out and provided for until we have such women workers on the field, as well as a medical department also there.

We also recommend the granting of the request of our Board to be permitted to make appeal for an additional $10,000 for the Theological and Science Hall, in Japan, and that said Board be empowered to borrow for that purpose, if necessary, the sum of $5,000.

We also recommend that the recommendations of the Board, appended to their report, and numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, be adopted.

In conclusion, we would recommend the re-election of the existing Board.

L. G. M. MILLER,
W. A. DEATON,
JAMES D. HEILIG,
JNO. F. FICKEN,
J. HENRY HARMS.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions adopted as follows:

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

For the Biennium, August 12th, 1910 to October 15th, 1912.

The Foreign Mission Board, as constituted at the last meeting of the United Synod, is the same as to membership as during the preceding biennium, consisting of one member from each of the district synods, as follows:

Robert C. Holland, of the North Carolina Synod.
W. A. Deaton, of the Tennessee Synod.
M. O. J. Kreps, of the South Carolina Synod.
J. H. Murphy, of the Mississippi Synod.
M. J. Epting, of the Georgia Synod.
J. M. Lichtenwanger, of the Holston Synod.
J. E. Cooper, of the Virginia Synod.
H. L. Bonham, of the Southwestern Virginia Synod

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Board are as follows:
Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Salem, Va., *Prest. and Gen'l Sec'y.*
Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Columbia, S. C., *Recording Secretary.*
Mr. John A. Cline, Concord, N. C., *Treasurer, and Advisory Member of the Board.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This Committee consists of the Officers of the Board and Mr. J. E. Cooper, and Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.

THE MISSION FIELD.

Our Mission Work is at present concentrated in the Island Kyushu, Japan, and the stations occupied are, Saga, Kumamoto, Fukuoka, Omuta, Kokura, Ogi and several minor outstations, the aggregate population of all these places being about 300,000, including Kurume, occupied by our American Danish brethren, with whom we have been in very close fraternal cooperation for a number of years.

OUR PRESENT WORKING FORCE IN JAPAN.

The following presents our staff of regular workers in the mission field:

NAMES OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

	Date of arrival in Japan.
Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., Kumamoto	1898 and 1908—October 7th.
Mrs. C. L. Brown, Kumamoto	1898 and 1908—October 7th.
Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D., Saga	1900 and 1908—April 6th.
Mrs. C. K. Lippard, Saga	1900 and 1908—April 6th.
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Kumamoto	1906 and 1912—October 10th.
Rev. L. S. G. Miller, Fukuoka	1907—December 22d.
Mrs. L. S. G. Miller, Fukuoka	1912—October 12th.
Rev. C. W. Hepner	1912—October 10th.

NAMES OF OUR NATIVE WORKERS.

Rev. Yamanouchi Ryohei, ordained.
Mrs. Yamanouchi.
Rev. Naomaru, ordained.
Mrs. Naomaru.
Evangelist Wasa.
Evangelist Takahashi.
Evangelist Washiyama.
Evangelist Takimoto.
Mrs. Takimoto.
Evangeliist Kawase.

In addition to the foregoing there are four native kindergarten teachers, working at Saga and Ogi, under the supervision of Dr. and Mrs. Lippard, with an average of fifty children in attendance.

All of these brethren, except the two missionaries who have just reached Japan from America, have been perseveringly and efficiently at their posts of duty during the entire biennium, with almost no interruption through sickness or other cause; and they deserve our unreserved commendation and unquestioning confidence. They have placed us under most sacred obligation by their self-sacrificing devotion, to sustain them to the limit of our ability in the way of financial and moral support. We should esteem ourselves fortunate to have as our representatives on the foreign field men and women of such marked ability, faithfulness and consecration.

OUR PROPERTY IN JAPAN.

We own in Saga, a city of 35,000, a chapel, a missionary's home, costing nearly $3,000, a kindergarten building, costing $1,200, and also a resiidence for kindergarten teachers located on same lot with the missionary's home.

In the city of Kumamoto, a city of 80,000, we own a chapel and a parish home on same lot, residence of Rev. Takimoto. Here we have also a missionary's home occupied by Dr. Brown and family.

In this city is located the Mission School, Kyushu Gakuin, upon a site of eight acres, consisting at present of six buildings, including administration and class room building, dormitory and gymnasium, the entire plant, with equipment costing $54,000.

Omuta, a city of 20,000 we own a chapel, a Japanese structure, estimated at $500.

In Fukuoka, (78,000), Kokura, (31,000)(Ogi, (5,000) we are using rented property only. Chapel and missionary's home greatly needed at the present time in Fukuoka,

THE MISSION SCHOOL AT KUMAMOTO.

In November 1909, negotiations for the purchase of an eight acre site for the Mission School in the city of Kumamoto were consummated, the purchase price being $13,600. As soon thereafter as possible the required buildings were begun. At this date, November, 1912, the buildings completed are dormitory for 100 students, dining room and kitchen, gymnasium, two professors' houses, and the main building for administration and class room purposes, at a cost, land and buildings, of 50,000. To this has been added for improvement of the grounds and equipment the sum of $4,000, making a total expenditure for ground, buildings and equipment, $54,000. Cash receipts for the school, first and second campaigns, have amounted, over and above campaign expenses, to a little over $51,000. The Board was under the necessity of making a draft upon the general treasury for $3,000 which has occasioned a financial crisis unprecedented in the history of our foreign mission work. Partial relief would be experienced should the unpaid pledges for school purposes be redeemed. "We are perplexed, but not unto despair."

We are more than reconciled to the financial status of the school question in view of the successful accomplishment of the undertaking, the most sanguine hopes having been more than realized. The management on the Japan side has been in good hands, and Dr. Brown, with broad views and conquering courage and faith, coupled with requisite executive ability, has brought to a happy consummation an enterprise hitherto recognized as essential to the maintenance of our cause in Japan, yet contemplated with no little misgiving as beyond our reach. Cooperating in the home field Mr. Stirewalt has helped to make possible the financial side of the question, and has succeeded in establishing a more sympathetic and helpful relationship to the cause on the part of the Church at home. These brethren have become linked with the great undertaking in the way of meritorious service commanding the admiration of all the friends of the United Synod Church in Japan.

This school is of the style known as Middle School, and is equipped for a five year course of study, with a requisite corps of professors. The first session began April, 1911, applicants for the first year's grade only being admitted. Out of 222 applicants there were selected 122, this being in excess of the number really decided upon for present enrolment. The second session opened April, 1912. Out of first grade 109 were passed to second grade. Applicants for entrance into first grade numbered 275. Out of

this number 96 were accepted, making the enrolment at this date 205. This is an encouraging commentary upon the prestige gained, and a prophecy of a successful future, and the friends who have contributed to this department of the mission work in Japan have abundant reason to rejoice together over their happy and wise investment.

THE BIBLE OR THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

This department of the Mission work has been in operation for five years, but has attained adequate proportions consequent upon the establishmnet of the Middle School two years ago, though it has no organic connection therewith, having an independent existence. Eight students are in attendance. Dr. C. L. Brown is at the head of this school of the prophets, and is one of the regular professors. Rev. Mr. Winther and Mr. T. Kubo also hold full professorships. These are assisted further by several native Christian scholars. The three years' course of study indicates a purpose for thorough training of future evangelists, and constitutes not only an important, but an essential part of the successful prosecution of the vital and ultimate purpose in hand, the preaching of the Gospel and the gathering into the Church of Christ such as shall believe on the Son of God. This department of the work should appeal to the entire Church as an object of special prayer; that these young men may be true and faithful witnesses for Christ, and be constrained by a consuming passion for winning souls to the saving faith.

REV. CHARLES W. HEPNER—NEW MISSIONARY.

The interests of the Cause in Japan required the sending out of a fifth missionary. Guided by Providence, as we trust, the Board extended a call to Mr. Charles W. Hepner, a candidate for graduation from our Southern Seminary. The call was accepted, April 15, 1912, in terms as follows:

"Realizing that our sufficiency is of God, trusting in Him for needed grace, assured of His directing care, conscious of the responsibility assumed, and thankful for the privilege, I reverently accept the call as missionary to Japan."

Mr. Hepner graduated with credit from the Seminary in May following, and placed himself at the service of the Board, visited a number of the congregations in the valley of Virginia in obedience to request of pastors, and was ordained by the Virginia Synod at St. James' Church, Augusta County, Va., on the 23d day of August,

and was formally commissioned as missionary at a farewell service held in Grace Church, Winchester, Va., on August 25th, 1912, and started in company with Rev. A. J. Stirewalt for Japan September 9th following.

Rev. Mr. Hepner was born May 18th, 1887, son of Mr. S. B. Hepner and Mrs. Minnie L. Hepner, of Shenandoah County, Virginia, baptized in infancy, and confirmed November 26th, 1903. Entered Roanoke College September, 1905, graduating therefrom June, 1909, and spent the three years in our Southern Seminary, maintaining through all these years a distinctively Christian character, scholarly habits, and the confidence and commendation of his preceptors. For a number of years beginning during his college course he has cherished a desire to serve his Master in the foreign field and when the call came to him he was prepared for a prompt response. May his ministry, under the Divine favor, add yet stronger confirmation to the conviction that the call, under which he now goes forth, is the call of the Great Head of the Church.

THE EVANGELISTIC PHASE OF THE WORK.

With the return of Mr. Stirewalt, and the entrance of the fifth missionary, together with the early locating of new evangelists, the evangelistic service will doubtless receive renewed attention. The peculiar conditions in Japan at this time are recognized as not so favorable as in recent years for a rapid ingathering of souls. Perhaps there is a greater hesitancy to accept Christianity than there was a few years ago. Faith, courage and perseverance are put to a severer test. Converts of today, while seemingly less in number, will count for move, though the progress may be slower than was at first anticipated. The call is growing louder for the strengthening of the forces, and pushing forward with increased vigor.

Compared with the experiences of stronger missions, our United Synod Mission has reason to take courage upon results already obtained. During its brief history, and it hitherto lack of prestige and equipment, there appear most praiseworthy results from the service of our faithful missionaries.

There has been enrolled in our Mission from first to last 546 souls, gathered into the fold of Christ. Quite a number of these have removed to other parts of the empire, and are supposed to carry their faith and influence into other channels. The present resident and active membership is 255, who contributed during the last two years the sum of $736.00 towards the support of the cause, an average of $1.45 each per annum. During the biennium there

were 43 adult baptisms, and of children, 30. In the various Sunday schools thre are today 555 scholars under 30 teachers. There are at least nine regular stations occupied, with several sub-stations visited. There is a kindergarten at Saga and one at Ogi, with a present enrolment of 65 pupils, under the training of five teachers.

Evangelistic work finds an inviting field in the Mission School at Kumamoto, as illustrated by the voluntary application to Dr. Brown of 40 of the boys for Bible study. We can not but believe that with the experience of the past, and with the enlarged equipment of the present, the cause has attained to a point of advantage to give a bright outlook on the future, and that success, under God, awaits only the prayers and adequate support on the part of the Church at home.

THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE CAUSE.

(1) *For the Biennium Past.*

From November 1, 1910 to November 1, 1912 the cause has demanded the remittance to Japan for the current support the sum of $29,800.00. The remittance for November, 1912 was $1,325.00. If to this we add interest on annuity and necessary administration expenses, the amount needed to cover all immediate expenses for the present *monthly* support of the cause will be $1,463, or the minimum rate of $17,781 per year.

We have been enabled to meet the expenses during the biennium by adding to the income from the ordinary sources, three thousand dollars, Bernheim annuity, which has come into our hands since last meeting of the United Synod, and also one thousand dollars given by Mrs. F. P. Cover, and also seven hundred and fifty dollars received under deed of Mr. J. M. Beutell, of Winchester, Va. Through these friends we have been enabled to defer to the present time the disaster of an empty treasury. For this timely help we should thank a kind Providence, and record our sense of gratitude to such generous patrons of the cause.

(2) *For the Ensuing Biennium.*

We close the biennium just passed with little or no money in the treasury in striking contrast with the condition two years ago. While the cost of maintenance has greatly increased, due largely, though not entirely, to the support of the Mission School, now in its second session, the income from the home Church shows very little increase. Why this is the case it is difficult to understand, except that possibly the Mission School campaign may have claimed ex-

clusive attention in certain places. But the facts seem to show that where there was liberality toward the School enterprise, there was less falling off in current support.

The support of this cause awaits a larger loyalty on the part of the synods to the general work of the United Synod. This involves essentially a more acute sense of synodical responsibility. The work of the United Synod should have imperative claim by virtue of the federated pledge here made, each synod standing related to all the others by combined enactment, through representatives, clerical and lay, carefully chosen and commissioned. Mutual confidence among the synods must be maintained or there will result a lowering of the standard of endeavor among all. The *esprit du corps* in the others is seriously affected, when one or more of the synods, by any negligence, would invite impaired faith. Where all the synods accept their share of responsibility, and the executive officers of the synods carefully guard the interests of the common cause, there will be an enlargement of the general work, less confusion in administration and a larger vision fostered among our Churches.

Inasmuch as the Foreign Mission Board must begin the biennium with an obligation to the extent of $17,500, coupled with a certainty of an increase as the work in Japan grows, we are compelled to ask of this body an authorized apportionment of $20,000 per annum. The necessity is upon us. The cause has reached an eminence long desired for proper and effective service. At no time heretofore has there come from Japan a more meritorious claim upon our confidence and support. The results of this meeting of the United Synod are being awaited with peculiar anxiety by our brethren in Japan, and should there not be an enthusiastic championship of the cause at this convention our missionaries would experience a painful disappointment.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES.

The plan of cooperation by the three Lutheran Missions in Japan in evangelistic work was presented at last convention of the United Synod There have been no changes made since last report, and the United Synod mission has been in harmonious relation with those of the United Danish Church in America, and the General Council.

Cooperation in the Mission School is exemplified on the part of the Danish Church by the services in the Theological School, of Rev. J. M. T. Winther as full professor, and on the part of the General Council, of Rev. Edward T. Horn, Jr., as professor of

English in Kyushu Gakuin. These two scholarly professors add greatly to the efficiently of these several departments of our educational work. We rejoice in this happy combination.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Foreign Mission Cause has been fostered in many congregations during the twenty years of our work in Japan in no small degree by organized Woman's Missionary Societies, and they have greatly helped in the financial support of the Cause. The cry of the great need of the masses deprived of Gospel opportunity, as well as the call of the Master to world-wide service, has appealed to their finer Christian impulses and their example is a constant argument in behalf of a wider and deeper Church life.

They have organized and cherished Children's Missionary Societies in congregations and synods, and herein the work of our women is to be especially commended. If our Church is ever to be made a Missionary Church, special stress must be given to the training of our young people who must soon be the responsible representatives of the Church's character and influence. One of the most vital questions presented to the attention of the Church today is the fostering of the missionary spirit and service in and through the Sunday school. It is just here that the pastor needs the enthusiastic support of the consecrated women of the Church. The tragedy of the Church's unpreparedness to answer to the missionary opportunity and call of the hour now at hand, must not be indifferently transmitted to the next generation.

The financial support given by the Woman's and Children's Societies through Synodical organizations during the two years past was $1,960.00 for the school and $6,000 for support of the Mission.

We wish to record our appreciation of the generous help given the Cause by the women and children in and through their organized societies.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS AND MISSION STUDY CLASSES.

The young people of the two Synods of North and South Carolina have shown during the last eighteen months most commendable zeal in the cause of missions, and thus we have two synodical federations of Young People's Missionary Guilds. Their generous rivalry and missionary enthusiasm has resulted in each federation securing a memorial room in the Kyushu Gakuin. That they so promptly responded to the extent of $500 each shows the possi-

bilities of this hitherto unused factor in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

This has been the outcome to no inconsiderable degree of mission study on the part of the leaders in this movement. The missionary propaganda has become such a prominent feature of the Church's thought and life, as well as one of the most significant historical phenomena of the day, that the study of missions is being recognized as part of proper education in our colleges and seminaries, as well as in the awakened congregation.

THE LIVINGSTONE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

The nineteenth of March next is the centennial of the birth of David Livingstone, the greatest missionary explorer in the world's history. The celebration of this centennial will be of an international character. In America it is proposed to give a widespread and effective celebration of this one hundredth anniversary, beginning January 1, 1913, and culminating March 19, 1913.

The Foreign Mission Conference of North America, at its meeting in New York last January, took action as follows:

"That each board take steps to celebrate in a proper way and at the proper time the proposed centennial.

"That the Missionary Education Movement be requested to facilitate this celebration in such ways as may be possible."

As the season suggested—January to March 19th—will embrace the Epiphany festival, we request the United Synod to make proper recognition of this anniversary and join in with other general bodies in making the memorial observance as beneficial as possible among our churches. It is an opportunity for our young people to familiarize themselves with the spirit and marvelous service of this remarkable missionary and explorer.

The Board of Foreign Missions would most assuredly cooperate with pastors and societies, in giving effectiveness to this memorial observance.

THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

It is the desire of this Board that this movement continue in active operation in the way of educating and inspiring our churches to larger things and in prosecuting to practical results the financial system already inaugurated. It seems that a point has been reached at which this agency can not be suspended without disappointing expectations as to material benefits. While the income for foreign missions, part from the mission school fund, has not ad-

vanced appreciably during the last two years, we can not but believe that the outcome will vindicate the merits of the movement. It would be strange indeed if this movement, born in the profound conviction of the necessity for larger response to the world call for the gospel, should not appeal to our people in the South as successfully as to other Christians. The apology often calmly uttered, "We are proverbially slow," is not at all complimentary. We can not afford to acquiesce in any threatened chronic apathy which would classify us as reactionaries in the cause of missions in this great missionary era of the Church. The good work begun should be prosecuted through another biennium, in order that the methods now partially replacing former ones become not only general, but as largely efficient as possible. That which claims very emphatic attention today is a better financial basis for the general enterprises of the United Synod.

THE EMERGENCY MISSION CIRCLE.

The survivors of the Mission League, who did so splendidly in 1911 in behalf of the equipment of the administration building of Kyushu Gakuin, contributing over $1,300, by common consent have become the nucleus of The Emergency Mission Circle. The expectation is to add largely to this emergency circle in membership throughout the Church.

This Circle is for special emergencies arising in Japan, such as can not be foreseen and which must be met. There is no pledge other than that of good will, and of prayerful interest in the cause, and a willingness to come to the rescue in a pending crisis. We hope to add at least 500 names to those already enrolled, thus constituting a brotherhood of chosen spirits whose common bond is Christian devotion to a cause appealing distinctly to our loyalty to the Lord Christ. We desire to commend this agency to the sympathetic attention of those who have a genuine concern for our missionaries and the cause to which they are giving their lives.

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES.

It is our purpose to keep administration expenses within ten per cent of the amount received for the maintenance of the cause. Should we realize the amount called for and imperatively needed, that is, $20,000 per year, the necessary expenses of administration should not exceed nine per cent.

We are paying now to President and General Secretary $1,200; to the Treasurer, $100; annuity, $240, and incidental expenses

amounting to about $250 annually, including Board meetings, printing, postage. etc.

SPECIAL GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.

We wish to place on record appreciative recognition of the generous support of the cause given by the Grace Church, Winchester, Va., in supporting a missionary on the field, and also a native evangelist, to the extent of $1,500 per annum.

Also of the timely free-will offering of Mrs. F. P. Cover, of $1,000

Also of the personal donation to the Japan Mission School fund of $1,500 by missionary Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.

Also of the most helpful and cheering action by the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga.. whereby the sum of $5,000 is pledged for the erection of Memorial Chapel upon the school grounds in Kumamoto, coupled with instructions to the Board to proceed with the building.

Also of the valuable help given by Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim in the way of annuity donation, placing $4,000 in the treasury of the Board, making it possible to close the biennium free of debt.

Also for a bequest of $400 by Mr. J. J. Lown, deceased, which has just come into our hands.

Also of the generous spirit of the faculty and trustees of Roanoke College in granting a scholarship of $250 per session to our Japan mission. Mr. J. Murakami, a young man of fine character and talent, who is a faithful student, and a Christian, is now at the institution, enjoying the benefit of this scholarship, in preparation for service in our mission school, this being his second session.

Also of the scholarship granted our mission of $250 per session. Mr. I. Murakami is now at the college, this being his second session.

Also for bequest of Mr. J. M. Beutell, deceased, of $753.

Also for the assumption by a generous servant of the Church of the support of the missionary who has recently sailed to Japan, and to a number of other special friends whose benefactions are marked by Christian devotion and beautiful self-denial.

May the example set by these considerate friends of the Cause be an inspiration to all of us, and promotive of larger vision in regard to our relation to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath unto "The Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, incorporated January 4, 1909, under and according to the laws of the State of South Carolina, the sum of.....dollars, to be used for the appropriate objects of said corporation.

SPECIAL NEEDS.

The special needs not provided for in the appropriation asked for are, a Theological Hall on the school grounds, for $5,000, a Missionary's Home in Hakata, for $5,000, including ground, and a Chapel in same city for $5,000, including ground, and for each of these, we beg attention to foregoing form of bequest.

THE SENDING OUT WOMEN MISSIONARIES.

Information has reached us of action taken by the United Synod Mission Conference in Japan, to the effect that the time is near at hand when two women missionaries could be used advantageously in connection with the work there.

The Board has taken action as follows:

Inasmuch as the expense of the extra work must be secured over and above present sources of income—and we are so warned by the brethren in Japan—it was resolved to submit to the Woman's Missionary Conference called for November 12, at Atlanta, the following proposition:

Resolved, That the Board stands ready to commission as missionaries to Japan two young ladies, having the qualifications specified in the action of the Japan Conference, should the Woman's Missionary Societies provide for their support in a way which will not subtract from the financial aid they are now giving the general cause in Japan; and that if the said Woman's Missionary Conference take favorable action upon this proposition, then the Board asks said Conference to appoint a commission of two or three ladies with whom the Board may hold consulting relation in regard to the selection of said missionaries and the conducting of woman's work in connection with our missionary work in Japan.

7. The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully asks of the United Synod endorsement of appeal to the churches and individuals for the sum of $10,000 over and above the amount of the apportionment of $20,000, for the purpose of erecting the needed Theological Hall, and the Science Building, upon the mission school grounds in Japan, and that the Board be empowered to borrow if necessary the sum

of $5,000 for the immediate erection of the Theological Hall, in view of the urgent call which comes to us from our missionaries, whom we have commissioned to carry on this great work.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the United Synod record its appreciation of the faithful services of our Missionaries in Japan, and its continued confidence in their judgment in the administration of the affairs of the Mission; and that this body renew its pledge "to loyally sustain them in the work to which they are giving their lives in our stead."

2. That this body express its gratification for the successful prosecution of the work of building up the Mission School at Kumamoto, for the auspicious opening of the first and second sessions, in the commodious building fully paid for; and that Rev. Mr. Stirewalt for his great work in this behalf in the home field, and Dr. Brown for his laborious, faithful and judicious administration of its affairs in Japan, be especially commended for their important agency in bringing about such a happy consummation; and that the greeting of the United Synod be conveyed to the entire faculty and the 205 students enrolled, and especially to Rev. J. M. T. Winther, of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Rev. Edward T. Horn, Jr., of the General Council, for their valuable cooperation in this educational work.

3. That recognizing the necessary demands of the work in Japan, and the obligation of the United Synod in regard thereto, the sum of $20,000 annually be apportioned among the different synods during the ensuing biennium as the amount necessary to meet the current expenses of the Mission, including the support of the Mission School, and exclusive of buildings which should or may be erected on school grounds or at Mission stations.

4. That Epiphany season be recognized as Foreign Mission Festival in all our congregations, and that "April Japan Day" be designated as the season for special offerings for the Japan Mission in all our Sunday schools.

5. That the recommendation of the Conference of the Foreign Mission Boards of North America, in regard to the observance of David Livingstone Centennial be approved, and our Foreign Mission Board be instructed to provide for its proper celebration among our people.

6. That the United Synod recognizes in the "Emergency Mission Circle" a valuable agency for meeting emergencies liable to occur in the Foreign work, and commends the same as promotive of individual interest and intelligent giving, and as a desirable supplement to the sum apportioned to the churches

The Board desires to give expression to its appreciation of the cordial consideration which the Cause has received from pastors and people, and the Sunday schools and other agencies of the Church, the *Church Visitor* and *Tidings,* whereby we have been enabled to accomplish the work committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
M. O. J. KREPS,
W. A. DEATON,
J. E. COOPER,
J. M. LICHTENWANGER,
J. H. MURPHY,
M. J. EPTING,
H. L. BONHAM,

Atlanta, Ga., November 12, 1912.

Treasurer's Report.

Aug. 13, 1910, to Oct. 15, 1912.

John A. Cline, Treasurer, in Account with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

1910	Dr.	
Aug. 13.	To balance	$ 1,836 91
	To amount received from all sources	41,814 67
		$43,651 58

	Cr.	
	Salary to Rev. C. L. Brown	$ 2,887 00
	Salary to Rev. C. K. Lippard	2,883 30
	Salary to Rev. L. S. G. Miller	2,380 00
	Salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	2,005 73
	Salary to C. W. Hepner	133 33
	Salary to Mr. T. Kubo	400 54
	Salary to Mr. Toyama	141 66
	Amount for incidentals	8,000 00
	Amount for Japan School support	7,833 99
	Salary Supt. of Board	2,898 09

	Passage money for Stirewalt and Hepner	343 80
	Amt. for outfit for Stirewalt and Hepner	200 00
	Amt. Loan to Japan School	8,650 00
	Amt. to Home Missions	753 79
	Salary John A. Cline, Treas.	200 00
	Amt. for repairs to Kumamoto church	150 00
	Amt. to Mrs. Brown, work in Kumamoto	200 00
	Amt. to Mrs. Bernheim for interest	481 44
	Amt. for kindergarten work	600 00
	Amt. to Mrs. Cronk for Mite Boxes	55 84
	Amt. for printing, travel, stamps, stationery and other administration and school campaign expenses	775 64
1912.		
Oct. 14.	Balance on hand	1,677 43
		$43,651 58

JAPAN SCHOOL BUILDING FUND.

1910	Dr.	
Aug. 13.	To balance .....$	96 06
Dec. 23.	Amt. from Mission League	3,000 00
1911		
April	Amt. borrowed from Foreign Miss.	2,600 00
May	Amt. borrowed from Foreign Miss.	2,000 00
July	Amt. borrowed from Foreign Miss.	550 00
Oct.	Amt. from sale of Bernheim Hall	2,000 00
	Amt. contributed by Rev. Stirewalt	500 00
	Amt. from all other sources	25,399 30
	Amt. from Mission League	1,050 00
		$37,195 36

Cr.

Amt. expenses Rev. A. J. Stirewalt campaign..$	500 00
Amt. returned to Foreign Missions	8,121 13
Amt. remitted to Japan	28,574 23
	$37,195 36

MISSION LEAGUE.

1910		Dr.	
Aug. 13.	To balance		$ 3,024 00
1912			
Oct. 25.	Amt. received from all sources		2,640 45
			$ 5,664 45
		Cr.	
	Amt. to Japan School		$ 4,050 00
	Amt. for incidentals, Japan School		600 00
	Part salary Rev. L. S. G. Miller		186 05
	Part salary Rev. C. K. Lippard		150 04
	Part salary Rev. C. L. Brown		233 34
	Part salary Supt. Board		116 66
	Part salary Mr. Toyama		141 55
	Amt. Administration expense		66 12
1912			
Oct. 25.	By balance on hand		120 58
			$ 5,664 45

JNO. A. CLINE, Treasurer,
Foreign Missiion Board.

SUMMARY.

A careful review of the Report of treasurer John A. Cline, gives the following summary of expenditures and receipts within the dates given:

THE MISSION SCHOOL BUILDING FUND.

Amount paid on grounds and buildings	$25,000 00
Amount paid on equipment	3,574 23
Amount paid in part, campaign expenses	500 00
	$29,074 23

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

(Including Emergency League.)

Amount paid for support of mission including maintenance of the Mission School and Administration Expenses, transit, etc.	$34,892 91
Total cash paid Aug. 1910 to Oct. 1912	$63,967 14

Balance on hand Oct. 15, 1912 ..... 1,798 01

Total receipts $65,765 15

ROBERT C. HOLLAND.

It was then

Resolved, That hearty appreciation is herewith expressed as to the recent visit to our people by Missionary Stirewalt, and especially as to the spirit of sacrifice and devotion displayed by him, not only in wholly devoting his life to our work in Japan, but as well in recently contributing the large sum of $1,500 to the needs of the work.

A Report of Laymen's Missionary Movement was submitted, received as information, and ordered spread on our minutes.

Report of the Laymen's Missionary Movement for the Biennium of 1910-1912.

Dear Brethren: Appreciating the "hearty approval and endorsement" of the Laymen's Missionary Movement by the United Synod at Richmond, at the suggestion of the President in his report that the Movement "ought not to be regarded merely as a private undertaking, but as one of the lines in which the United Synod is doing its work," the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement deemed it right that a report of the work be submitted to your body at this meeting.

The Executive Committee has held a number of meetings for the purpose of discussing the work and to plan for its furtherance, and the General Secretary has been continuously in the field, presenting the work to conferences, conventions, synods, congregations and church councils.

The District Synods and conferences have very generally given place in their programs for the presentation and consideration of the Movement's plans and methods of work, especially its financial system.

Missionary Committees have been appointed in about 200 congregations, with about 1,000 men serving on them. Chiefly through these committees about 200,000 pieces of missionary literature have been distributed among the congregations of the United Synod and 200 copies of "The Pastor and Modern Missions" were sent free to our pastors, as a gift from "three interested laymen."

MISSION STUDY.

The General Secretary has visited our colleges and Theological Seminary, as he has had opportunity, in the interest of Mission Study, which has resulted in the formation of a large number of classes among the students, in some of the colleges practically the entire student body having been enlisted. Inasmuch as the future mission work of the Church depends upon the attitude of the young people of this generation and especially the students, there is no estimating the far reaching effects of this work in the colleges.

FIRST GENERAL CONVENTION.

On February 7-9, 1912, at Salisbury, N. C., there was held the first general convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Lutheran Church in the South with an attendance of over 500 registered delegates, more than 100 of whom were Lutheran ministers, and altogether nearly 1,000 men in attendance, making it the largest representative gathering of Lutherans ever held in the South. An unusually strong program was presented, many of the leading Lutherans of this country taking part and other men of national reputation. The cost of the convention, about $1,000, was fully met by registration fees and contributions from the citizens of Salisbury. The consensus of opinion is that the effect of this convention upon the Church as a whole has been such that a second general convention should be held, and already the Executive Committee is planning for such a convention to be held early in 1914, the exact date and place yet to be decided upon.

MAINTENANCE FUND.

At the Salisbury Convention the Executive Committee conceded to the expressed wish of many that the congregations be permitted to share in the maintenance fund of the Movement, and a popular subscription was taken, aggregating $1,900 a year for two years. This is a departure from the usual methods of the Movement, and such is an experiment, but it accords with the wishes of many.

NEW FINANCIAL PLAN.

Perhaps one of the largest contributions to the whole work of the Church which the Movement has made, is the working out of a better financial system, known as the "New Financial Plan." The congregations that have introduced this plan have done so with telling results, and while there has been, in the aggregate, no large

increase in benevolent funds in the United Synod, these congregations have advanced, and some of them have made large advances in their contributions, thus preventing a deficit resulting from the decrease in other congregations.

The essential features of the New Financial Plan are:

1. The "Annual Every Member Canvass" to be made in person, by committees of two each.

2. A three-fold subscription (Current Local Expenses, Home Missions and other home causes of benevolence, and Foreign Missions) to be made on the weekly basis and to be paid, or laid by, each week.

3. The use of a form of the Duplex envelope conforming to the three-fold subscription.

4. The Current Expenses and Benevolences to be handled by different treasurers.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

Believing that the greatest need of the Church and her greatest unused talent is intercessory prayer for the world's redemption, the unceasing effort of the Laymen's Missionary Movement has been to call the Church to more definite prayer for missions and missionaries at home and abroad, and we trust we have had some share in the Church's awakening in this particular, a change which the casual observer can not fail to see.

THE LAYMEN'S RESPONSE.

Many of our laymen are showing a willingness to respond to the call of the Church for service, as is being strikingly demonstrated in some of our congregations whose pastors are setting themselves definitely to the work of developing and using their laymen. These congregations are beginning to realize one of the Church's largest assets—her laymen. The Laymen's Missionary Movement, recognizing the pastor as the divinely appointed leader, looks to him for leadership.

The average layman has been quite contented to do nothing, but the call of God, through His Church, for Christian men of sterling worth to win a world is stirring many of our laymen from their selfish indifference and filling them with a divine enthusiasm for world conquest.

E. C. CRONK, General Secretary,

For the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Resolutions were presented, approving the "New Financial Plan." Action was deferred until the Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension is presented.

Synod adjourned. Benediction by Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1912, 2:30 P. M.

Synod was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. B. Greiner.

The committee on Letters and Petitions made a partial report. That part of the report referring papers to the Committee on Home Mission Board's Report was adopted, and the report to be completed and presented later.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Synod reported. The report was considered by items and finally adopted, with answers as given in the report.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Synod.

Your committee would report as follows:

1. Recommendations in the Report of Committee on Sunday School Work, page 20: (a) That the Synod appoint a committee to arrange a teacher-training course, to prepare or select and recommend suitable text books. Has this matter been attended to? Answer: Report will be made. (b) For the development of the young people in benevolence we urge the passage of a resolution requesting all our Sunday schools to take offerings for the several causes of the United Synod to which the congregations are asked to contribute. In how far has this resolution been complied with? Answer: It has been partially complied with.

2. Item in the Report on the Music Edition of the Book of Worship, page 26: "We recommend, therefore that the publication of the music edition of the book in use by us be deferred at least until the next meeting of the United Synod." Answer: Referred to the Committee on Common Book of Worship.

3. Resolutions of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication.

Item 3. That the Synod approve the second recommendation of the Board. (See page 41.) "That the United Synod appoint a committee to confer with similar committee or boards of other Lutheran Bodies with a view to preparing a series of Common

Sunday school lessons, and helps for the use of Lutheran Sunday schools. Has this been done? Answer: It has been so reported.

Item 4. That the United Synod commends the Publication cause to our people and urges that an annual offering be taken in our congregations for the liquidation of the present indebtedness. Has there been any response to this resolution and does its necessity continue? Answer: No offerings were taken. Referred to Committee on Board of Publication.

4. Report of Committee on Theological Seminary, page 50:

Item 4. "We recommend that the District Synods be requested to assume the apportionments as suggested in the report of the Board." Has this been brought to the attention of the District Synods, and has there been compliance with this request? Answer. Generally complied with.

5. Recommendation in the Report of the Committee on Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, page 53.

Item 4. With reference to the request of the Board for authority to employ a Field Secretary, we heartily agree, and recommend that the Board be instructed to employ a secretary at a salary to be fixed by the Board, whose duties shall be those usually incident to such office; and the Board be advised as soon as practicable to engage him as missionary pastor at some mission point. What steps has the Board taken to carry out this resolution? Answer: See Report of Board.

6. Report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions:

Item 8. That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to call and send to Japan another missionary as soon as, in their discretion, this action is justified by the increasing interest of the congregations of the United Synod manifested by their support of the cause. Has this been done? Answer: Complied with. (See Report of Board.)

7. Report of the Committee on Finance, pages 87 and 88:

Item 1. That one and a half cents per capita, in addition to the one-half cent provided for by standing resolution, be added to assessments of the District Synods. Has this assessment been made and will it be necessary in the coming biennium? Answer: Yes, for 1911. (Referred to Finance Committee.)

Item 6. That the United Synod instruct the President of the several Boards to send to the chairman of the Finance Committee thirty days prior to each convention of this Synod estimates of the appropriations that will be required in order that the committee may formulate a plan for financing the work of the Synod. Could

the Boards carry out this resolution under existing circumstances? Answer: No.

8. Resolutions, pages 101 and 102:

Resolved, That the Boards of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions, and of Publication shall submit their reports in printed form at the first session of each convention of the United Synod and that these reports be referred to appropriate committees at once; and that all matters of importance and recommendations be read by a representative of said Boards immediately before the presentation of the reports of these committees. Have the Boards complied with this provision? What is the import of the last clause of this resolution? Answer: Boards of Home and Foreign Missions have done so.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. W. HOPPE,
H. M. BROWN,
F. R. EPTING.

The Committee on Sunday School work reported as follows, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday School Work.

Our Sunday school work in the United Synod is far from what it could and should be. It is not our purpose, however, to stress the weakness of our system or lack of system, but to point out a few tendencies deserving consideration.

Of these, perhaps, the most noticeable is the dissatisfaction of many teachers—some dissatisfied with their pupils; some dissatisfied with their work; others dissatisfied with themselves; some desiring to discontinue; others putting forth an effort to improve conditions. Of this we have heard much during the past biennium, and it has a real and deep significance.

The Sunday School Normal is growing in favor and in efficiency. It seeks to promote the school spirit, and insists on honest effort by both teacher and pupil.

During the past summer four Normals and one Institute were held with encouraging results. Leesville, S. C., Hickory, N. C., Toms Brook, Va., and Rural Retreat Va., are the places where Normals were held, and the Institute at Ebenezer, Ga. Each was in session three days except the Normal at Hickory, which moved up to four days.

The Normal is beginning real work—departmental class work—a teacher, a class and a lesson. Teacher-training, grading, music,

and missions are subjects receiving prominent attention, and are the lines along which the greatest progress is being made. The regret is that more pastors, teachers and officers do not attend. However, these few hundred annual attendants are doing much to better Sunday school conditions. Two of the most serious hindrances to effective Normal work are the lack of a suitable text-book on teacher-training and Sunday school management and the use of several series of Sunday school literature. A suggestion from this Synod might lead to greater uniformity.

In order that the Normals may be of the greatest help, we suggest to the committees having them in hand that they begin planning earlier. The teachers should be selected in the fall so they may have the winter to arrange and study their course. Those Normals do the most effective work that plan and publish their programs far in advance.

We suggest the continuance of a committee on Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. McCULLOUGH,
GEO. H. COX,
C. K. BELL,
T. O. KEISTER,
W. H. RISER.

The Report of the Committee on Deaconess Work was received, and referred to the following Special Committee:

Revs. W. H. Greever, M. G. G. Scherer, J. H. Wannemacher, and Messrs. G. C. Hine and Jacob Umlauf.

The Committe on the Report of the Orphan Corporation submitted its report, which adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on the Report of the Orphan Home Corporation.

The report as submitted to us contains no recommendations, but we would present the following matters for your consideration:

1. We would express our gratitude to God for His blessing and favor upon our Orphan Home, and we would express our sincere appreciation of the diligence and faithfulness of the officers and members of the corporation, the superintendent of the Home, and the teachers and helpers in the institution in so conducting the affairs of the Home as to effectually serve the purpose for which the Home was founded and is maintained.

2. We would hereby record our grateful appreciation of the long years of faithful service rendered to this institution as mem-

bers of its official board by the late Rev. L. L. Smith, D.D., of Strasburg, Va., and the late J. P. Houtz, Esq., of Salem, Va.

3. We commend the Board for its wisdom in securing additional property so that ample room is provided for any other buildings which shall be needed.

4. We would call special attention to the unusual number of bequests made to the Home in recent years and would commend the Home to others as eminently worthy of their bequests.

5. Though the Home asks for no specific apportionment to be made for its maintenance the funds necessary for properly caring for so large a number of children must be provided and to this end we urge upon all our synods and congregations and Sunday schools to keep the institution of mercy continually in mind and to make liberal provision for all its needs.

6. We would place in nomination for membership in the corporation subject to election by the corporation itself the following persons:

Class of Those Whose Terms Expire in 1918:

A. M. Bowman ..... Salem, Va.
M. M. Kinard ..... Salisbury, N. C.
C. B. Strickler ..... Salem, Va.
E. A. Shenk ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.
H. D. Derrick ..... Roanoke, Va.

Class to Expire in 1919:

L. G. M. Miller ..... Columbia, S. C.
A. D. R. Hancher ..... Staunton, Va.
J. P. Gose ..... Burke's Garden, Va.
J. E. Shenk ..... Greensboro, N. C.
W. H. Roof ..... Bristol, Tenn. (R. F. D.)

To Fill the Vacancy in Class Terms Expiring in 1913:

H. D. Derrick ..... Roanoke, Va.

To Fill the Vacancy in Class Terms Expiring in 1914:

J. E. Shenk ..... Greensboro, N. C

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. HUNTON,
C. A. BROWN,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. M. RHODES,
CHAS. H. STIEGLITZ.

Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Since your last convention in Richmond the Orphan Home has had two years of uninterrupted prosperity. It has grown steadily in efficiency and usefulness. We rejoice in the manifest blessings of God upon our work and the increasing interest and approval of those whom we seek to serve. The number of children has grown larger and the necessary expenses are greater, but with the need our resources have been enlarged. We have added to our equipment, and our debt has materially diminished. We employ no other agency than our little monthly *Messenger* to make known our wants. We make no special appeals. But whenever we have a real need the means come by which it is supplied. Our own Home can be added to the list of those that live through prayer and faith. Our convictions deepen with every year's experience that while we must have increasingly larger equipments we do not want an endowment for current expenses. When our people cease to be willing to take care of its orphan children by direct contributions it is time to close the doors of the Home. They must not be deprived of this means of keeping alive a living sympathy with the poor and of developing the power of love. Colleges and Theological Seminaries need endowments, eleemosynary institutions do not. Endowments kill congregations, and they would kill an orphanage. The Church that does not care for its widows and orphans has lost its pure and undefiled religion and has only a name to live but is dead. Two years ago at Richmond we reported ninety children in the Home. The average for the immediately preceding biennium was seventy-five. At the last annual meeting of the corporation we had one hundred and eight. There were forty-nine boys and fifty-nine girls. There were sixty-eight from Virginia, twenty-one from North Carolina, ten from West Virginia, four from South Carolina, three from Georgia, and two from Tennessee. The average number for this biennium was one hundred and four. Our capacity is about full. Once or twice we were compelled to decline to receive worthy applicants because we had no room. We have not been able as yet to utilize the fourth story of our building. The long flight of stairs, the limited power of the steam heating plant, the size of our dining room and some other things make it doubtful about our ever being able to put children on that floor. We need a separate building for the boys. The present arrangement has never been satisfactory. We must have soon more buildings. We have secured the ground admirably suited for them and we are projecting plans for their erection.

We have bought the whole block adjoining our Home property with the exception of five lots. That gives us two blocks lying between College Avenue and Indiana street. By closing a narrow street running between these blocks the two can be thrown together. This gives ample room for ground for whatever new buildings we may need for a good many years to come. If the growth of the town should make our present location undesirable our property will be very valuable and will enable us to secure a site and put up buildings elsewhere.

The real debt of the Home has been reduced to $1,300. We hold land bonds on the McClanahan property, which was sold for $1,500, as assets for an additional note for $1,000.

Since our report made at Richmond the bequests of Mr. J. M. Beutell of Winchester Va., of $753; of Mr. J. A. Efird, of Winston-Salem, N. C., of $500; of Mrs. S. Alexander of Columbia, S. C., of $100; of Miss Emma Huffard of Wytheville, Va., of $100; and of Mr. Jacob S. Lipe of China Grove, N. C., estimated at $800, have been paid. Capt J. C. Seegers, of Columbia, S. C., bequeathed the Home $5,000, and Mr. J. J. Lown of Lexington, S. C., $500. The policy of the Home is to use all bequests in permanent improvement, preferably buying land and erecting buildings. We have used the most of the money so far received in the purchase of the lots. When these have all been paid for we will devote all bequests to the building fund, unless specially directed otherwise by the testators.

The total cash expenditure for current expenses and repairs and improvements for the fiscal year ending June, 1911, was $6,488, a monthly average of $540; for the year ending June, 1912, was $7,338, a monthly average of $611. The increased number of children and of the cost of living will run up the monthly expenses for the incoming year to nearly $700. The Home is conducted as economically as possible with proper comfort to the children. Most of them have advantages and opportunities they would not have had if their parents had lived. In the conduct of the Home we try to remember that we must not surround them with luxuries that the most of them will not have when they go out into the world and be dissatisfied with their lot as long as they live. We want to fit them for the conditions into which their fortune has thrown them.

We have made some improvements in the Home building. As the law of Virginia requires and our feelings, especially after the sad disaster of the orphanage in Lynchburg, we put up two fire escapes at a cost of $250.

The officers of the corporation are L. A. Fox, President; A. M. Bowman, Vice President; R. W. Kime, Secretary; and I. V. Yonce, Treasurer. These are ex officio officers of the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has monthly meetings to audit all accounts and transact all business pertaining to the general oversight of the institution. J. T. Crabtree has proved himself an efficient officer and has been annually reelected superintendent. He has seven lady assistants. The nominees of the Synod for members of the corporation have been elected. Besides those vacancies caused by limitation classes 1913 and 1914 there are two from death: L. L. Smith in class 1913 and J. P. Houtz in class 1914. Both were very efficient and valuable members whose loss we deeply deplore. This is the list of members:

1913—F V. N. Painter, A. M. Bowman, M. M. Kinard, Bruffy Strickler, E. A. Shenk, W. H. Roof.

1914—L. G. M. Miller, A. D. R. Hancher, C. B. Miller, J. P. Gose, H. D. Derrick.

1915—H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, Geo. S. Bowers.

1916—L. A. Fox, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, R. C. Holland.

1917—Ambrose L. Henkel, Paul Sieg, J. Frank Clemmer, J. H. Marsteller, Ivan V. Yonce.

L. A. FOX, President.

Prof. J. T. Crabtree, Superintendent of the Orphan Home, on invitation, addressed the Synod.

An invitation to the Synod to visit Fort McPherson was received with expressions of appreciation, but a press of business prevents an acceptance of the invitation.

Mr. J. M. Rhodes was excused from further attendance upon this convention of the Synod.

Synod adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m., tomorrow to continue its session until 1 p. m.

Benediction by the President of Synod.

At 8 p. m., Vesper service was conducted by Rev. T. W. Shealy.

An address on Orphan Home was made by Mr. E. L. Greever, and one on Inner Missions by Rev. C. K. Bell.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1912, 8:30 A. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with devotional services, led by Rev. W. L. Darr.

Roll was called, and minutes of yesterday's sessions read and approved.

On motion, the following Committee on Memoirs was appointed:

Committee on Memoirs.—Revs. L. A. Fox, Geo. H. Cox, L. G. M. Miller, and Messrs. Jno. F. Ficken and H. E. Dreeson.

The presence of Rev. D. H. Ogden, of the Central Presbyterian church, was recognized, and he was invited to a seat among us.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions presented its report, which was considered by items, and finally adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Home Missions.

If the appeal to sentiment is less in the Home Mission work than that of Foreign Missions it is all the stronger to duty. The field for the play of the imagination is not so wide; the demand of faith is greater. We are in danger of weeping bitterly over the little ragamuffin in the slums of a far away city while we let the boy just around the corner of the street live on a crust, grow up in ignorance and vice, and become a menace to the community. While the Master commanded to go into all the world, He did not mean that the people at home should be neglected. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, was so enthusiastic about the salvation of the home people that he was willing to be "accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." That mother who would neglect her own children that she might take care of the children of strangers would be adjudged insane. What shall be said of Jerusalem, the mother of us all, if she exhaust her strength in the foreign field that she has nothing left for her needy sons and daughters near the old hearthstone? Sixty millions of our own citizens are outside of the Church, just like the heathen without Christ, without God and without hope in the world! What about them? Rationalism has destroyed faith in the Bible, faith in Christ as God manifest in the flesh, and a large majority of our religious people have no other religion than a vague, indefinite sen-

timent. Their condition is more hopeless than that of the heathen. Shall the very foundation of our country and our civilization slip away and we do nothing to avert it? Shall we, like a well known denomination, win glory by our foreign work while the home congregations remain in the same little localities where they were planted more than a century ago and thus doom ourselves to extinction? Has the Lutheran Church no mission to our own land? If our people have heard the Gospel and neglected it are we excused from beseeching them to be reconciled to God? If God had treated us in that way what would have become of every one of us? If our Lutheran Church has done nothing more for our home missions than is recorded in this report of the Board we ought to be filled with grief and shame. But our District Synods have each its own missions and only a small part of the work done has found a place in this report. The call is growing louder and the opportunities greater and in answer to the demands of duty we must plan for larger things. We must get tall enough, every one of us, to look over the fence that surrounds our own little field and correlate our immediate personal spheres with those of other laborers in the Lord's great plantation.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends:

1. That $25,000 annually be apportioned among the District Synods for the Home Missions under the control of the United Synod's Home Mission Board, namely, $12,500 for the support of missions and $12,500 for Church Extension, and that these be accepted as the amounts our District Synods shall be expected to provide for the operation of the Home Mission propaganda for the ensuing year and that the Home Mission Board shall be authorized to increase these amounts and to notify the authorities of the District Synods during the next biennium as the needs require.

2. That the Mission Board appoint a committee from its own members for establishing a perpetual Church Extension loan fund of $50,000, the Board devising plans and regulating the work of this committee.

3. That the Board as soon as practicable elect a Field Secretary who is to have charge under the Board of superintending the missions, the location of new missions, writing congregations in the interest of Home Mission work and giving such assistance to pastors in raising money as the pastors may desire or approve.

4. That we approve the idea of the unification of all our Home Missions, the discontinuance of the home mission work of the District Synods, and the concentration of the management of our missions in the hands of the United Synod's Home Mission Board.

We have, however, as yet no satisfactory plan and there would be considerable difficulty in the transfer. Some of these difficulties can be removed by the judicious work of the Field Secretary and the way be opened for such unification in the not distant future. We must leave the matter for the present to the Board, but recommend that a committee be appointed to draft a plan and report to our next convention.

5. That the Board do not consider applications for aid unless they are approved by the Synod or the Executive Committee of the Synod in whose bounds the mission points are located, unless those points be so far removed from the working fields of the Synod that its character and needs are not known to the officers of Synod.

6. That the fiscal year end October 1, and this time be fixed as the closing date of our biennium.

7. That Portsmouth, Va., and Raleigh, N. C., at the request of the synods which are supporting them, be commended to the special consideration of the Board.

8. That we earnestly request our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies to divide equally, as their early constitutions required, all their moneys for missions, between our Home and Foreign Missionary work; and that with the same earnestness we ask the Lutheran Laymen's Movement to give equal stress and emphasis to the need of missions in the home and foreign fields.

9. That we heartily desire Lutheran comity in Home Missions and that we advise our Board to cooperate in promoting it under such conditions and plans as our Committee on Cooperation may prescribe or approve.

10. That we call the attention of the Statistical Secretary to this request of the Board for a revision of our statistical reports.

11. That the number of the board be increased to seven members and the following members appointed: Revs. R. L. Patterson, V. Y. Boozer, C. K. Bell, John Hall, M. M. Kinard, Judge B. B. Miller and Dr. C. L. Kibler.

12. That we approve the work of the Board during the biennium and commend the earnestness and zeal with which they prosecuted it in view of the conditions under which they took it up.

L. A. FOX,
J. J. SCHERER, JR.,
JAS. D. KINARD,
AMBROSE L. HENKEL.

Item 10 of this report was referred to our Statistical Secretary.

Richmond Mission.

The following was adopted and referred to the Board of Home Missions:

Whereas, We recognize the importance of placing the Richmond work on a safe footing; and

Whereas, At the last meeting of the United Synod the following recommendation was adopted: "We recommend that the United Synod commend this worthy cause (Richmond congregation) to the favorable consideration of our District Synods, congregations and individuals"; and

Whereas, For various reasons it has been impossible during the last biennium for the Richmond congregation to bring this work to the attention of our people; be it

Resolved, That we again commend the cause of the Richmond congregation to the favorable consideration of our Church in the South.

The Committee to Nominate Fraternal Delegates reported. Report adopted:

Report of Committee to Nominate Fraternal Delegates.

Your Committee to Nominate Official Visitors to other general bodies suggests the following:

To the General Council—Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., principal; Rev. R. L. Fritz, alternate.

To the General Synod—Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., principal; Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., alternate.

Respectfully,

E. J. SOX,
THEO. C. PARKER,
P. E. MONROE,
E. F. IRICK.

Nominees were elected.

Committee on Theological Seminary submitted its report. Item 9 of the report was adopted, electing Board of Directors of the Seminary, and further consideration deferred until the afternoon session today.

Synod adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Benediction by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1912, 2:30 P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers.

Consideration of the Report on Theological Seminary was resumed. The report was finally adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Theological Seminary.

We, your Committee on Theological Seminary, beg leave to submit the following:

We have had placed within our hands the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the Report of the Joint Commission appointed by this Synod to locate the Seminary.

The report of the Board of Directors tells us of the present conditions of the Seminary, its needs and its difficulties, as also of its very encouraging prospects, all of which demands careful consideration.

The report of the Joint Commission brings to the Synod the official information of the completion of the Seminary building and the financial condition of the treasury.

1. We recommend that the Synod express its gratifictaion at the work that has been accomplished, and extend hearty thanks to the Board, the Commission, the Central Committee of the same, the Building Committee and the Financial Secretary, who together have worked so faithfully, untiringly and successfully in the prosecution of the work assigned them.

2. We recommend that the Joint Commission be dissolved and discharged, and that the duty of the further prosecution of the work devolve upon the Board of Directors, and that the Joint Commission be requested to place into the hands of the President of the Board of Directors all assets, subscriptions, etc., that properly belong to the Seminary.

3. We recommend that the Board be authorized and instructed to employ a third professor and that this Synod apportion among the District Synods the sum of $2,500 annually for the support of the faculty.

4. We recommend that the Board be authorized to erect two dwellings for the use of the faculty, the same to be erected upon the lot or lots separate from that upon which the Seminary building stands, each to cost approximately $5,000, and the funds for the same to be secured as hereinafter provided for.

5. We recommend that the Board continue the canvass of the churches for the necessary funds with which to supply the deficit in the building fund of the Seminary and for the erection of the professors' houses.

6. We recommend that, if necessary, the Board be authorized to borrow a sufficient sum to erect the professors' houses, securing the loan by a mortgage upon the same, independent and apart from the Seminary building and the lot upon which it stands.

7. We recommend that Board of Directors be instructed to provide the necessary funds to take care of the maturing obligations on the Seminary Building, if possible, without mortgaging the property; but if necessary, that the Board be, and is hereby authorized to mortgage the Seminary property for a sum not exceeding $16,000.

8. We recommend that the Synod gratefully acknowledge the bequest to the Seminary of $1,000, by Mr. J. J. Lown and $5,000 to the endowment by the Hon. John C. Seegers.

9. We recommend the following to constitute the Board of Directors for the next biennium: R. C. Holland, D.D., M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., W. A. Deaton, D.D., M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., J. H. Wilson, D.D., C. A. Freed, D.D., V. Y. Boozer, and J. F. Ficken, Esq., C. M. Efird, Esq., Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D., J. A. Meetze, J. D. Cappelmann, Esq., J. E. Cooper, A. H. Kohn.

10. We recommend that the report of the Joint Commission and its Treasurer, and that of the Board of Directors be printed in the minutes.

GEO. H. COX,
W. H. GREEVER.
JACOB UMLAUF,
R. L. FRITZ.
H. L. BONHAM.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary chosen at the last convention of the United Synod organized on the 10th of September, 1910, and elected the following named members as its officers: Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President; Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Vice President; John F. Ficken, Secretary; C. M. Efird, Treasurer.

The attendance of students at the Seminary during the session of 1910-1911 was as follows:

There were sixteen regular students, five in the Senior class, three in the Middle class, and eight in the Junior class. According to synodical representation they were distributed as follows: From the Virginia Synod, one; from the Tennessee Synod, 6; from the North Carolina Synod, 6; from the South Carolina Synod, 2; and from the Georgia Synod, 1. The entire Senior class received certificates of graduation at the close of the session. The graduates were: Arthur W. Ballentine, Bergman S. Dasher, William E. Pugh, John Lewis Smith and J. Samuel Wessinger.

The regular professors were ably assisted during the session by the gratuitous services of Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.; Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., and Rev. W. A. C. Mueller, D.D.

The attendance of students at the Seminary during the year 1911-1912 was the largest in its history. There were nineteen regular students during the session—four in the Senior class, eight in the Middle class and seven in the Junior class. Their classification by Synods is as follows: From the North Carolina Synod, 8; from the Tennessee Synod, 6; from the South Carolina Synod, 2; from the Virginia Synod, 2; from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, 1. The entire Senior class received certificates of graduation at the close of the session. The graduates were: William H. Davidson, W. Darr Haltiwanger, Charles W. Hepner, and Moses L. Kester.

The regular professors were ably assisted during the session, which was conducted in the new building near Columbia, S. C., by the gratuitous services of Rev. Dr. W. H. Greever and Rev. Dr. C. E. Weltner.

The new Seminary building erected on our property near Columbia, S. C., was completed during the summer of the year 1911, and the exercises of the institution were opened therein on the 4th day of October, 1911. A formal opening took place on Seminary Day, October 11, 1911, which was numerously attended by many friends and well wishers. The Seminary building is most attractive in appearance and complete in its appointments. A great and most difficult work has been successfully accomplished, and we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the blessings vouchsafed unto us.

To be thoroughly equipped for the necessary and very important work which our Seminary must do, we need a larger endowment. A third regular professor is greatly needed, and we trust that at this convention of the United Synod, steps will be taken to supply the means for his support. In this connection we beg to bring to the attention of the United Synod, the following request which was

unanimously adopted by the Directors of the Seminary at their meeting held November 13, 1912:

"Resolved, That the United Synod be earnestly requested to appropriate two thousand five hundred ($2,500) dollars, annually for the support of the Theological Seminary, this amount to be apportioned among and paid by the several synods composing the United Synod."

We beg to report that all of the Seminary property which was situate in Mount Pleasant, S. C., has been sold.

Bernheim Hall was sold on July 13, 1911, to Mrs. Laura E. Hamlin for the price of thirty-two hundred dollars. Two thousand dollars of this amount was owing to Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, on a bond held by her which she donated to the Board of Missions and Church Extension, to whom the amount was paid, and the balance of the net proceeds, being one thousand and eighty-eight dollars, was paid to the Treasurer of the United Synod and by him paid over to the Joint Commission, who were charged with the duty of relocating the Seminary.

The Seminary building was sold on May 23, 1912, to Mr. Isadore Blank for the price of forty-nine hundred and twenty-five dollars. The net proceeds of this sale, being forty-seven hundred and eighty 53-100 dollars, were paid over to the Treasurer of the United Synod and by him paid over to the said Joint Commission.

The Seminary has been again remembered by devoted friends. We have been informed that our deceased brother, the late Mr. J. J. Lown, has bequeathed to the Seminary the sum of one thousand dollars. Also that the Hon. John C. Seegers, a life long supporter of the institution, has bequeathed for the endowment fund the sum of five thousand dollars, with instruction to pay interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on that sum from the day of his death until the legacy shall be paid. These legacies are most timely, as our needs are great. They evidence the loyalty and devotion of these noble spirits to the important work of educating our ministry.

We submit for your consideration the following summary of the last annual account of the Hon. C. M. Efird, the Treasurer of this Board, viz:

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

(Corpus).

1911.	Dr.	
April 29.	To amount reported	$37,305 62
July 28.	To cash from J. M. Kinser	6 00

Aug. 6.	To cash from J. M. Kinser	4 00
		$37,315 62

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April 27.	By amount of securities held	35,669 37
	Balance	$ 1,646 25
April 27.	Less interest account overdrawn	140 37
	Cash on hand	$ 1,505 88

INTEREST AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

1911. Dr.

April 29.	To balance on hand	$ 202 52
	To cash received during the year ending April 27, 1912	3,752 46
	Amount overdrawn	140 37
		$ 4,095 35

Cr.

By cash paid during the year to professors for salaries, to Dean for incidental expenses, for insurance premiums, and for traveling expenses of Directors..... $ 4,095 35

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER, President.

Report of the Joint Commission Charged With the Duty of Relocating the Theological Seminary.

The Joint Commission created by the United Synod under a resolution adopted on the 8th day of October, 1908, and composed of the Directors of the Theological Seminary and a Special Committee chosen by the Synod respectfully report:

That since the adjournment of the twelfth convention of the United Synod, which was held in Richmond, Va., during the month of September, 1910, the Joint Commission has held only one meeting, which was on the 23rd of May, 1911. There was no occasion for any other meeting. The new location of the Thelogical Seminary near Columbia, S. C., had been definitely fixed, the plans of the new building had been agreed upon and the contract for the construction of the building had been let under authority of the Joint Commission. It was determined to erect but one building, to be known as the Administration Building, sufficiently large to

furnish a dormitory for the students, a commodious chapel, and a roomy library.

The contract for the construction of this building was let on the 18th day of November, 1910, to the Wise Granite Company, to be completed for occupancy according to the plans, without equipment, for the sum of $40,157, under the supervision of the architect, Mr. Charles M. Robinson, of Richmond, Va., who had designed the building and prepared the plans and specifications. The building was completed on the 10th day of July, 1911, and the session of the Seminary commencing on the 4th day of October, 1911, was held in the new building, which was dedicated on the 11th day of October, 1911, the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President of the Board of Directors, officiating.

The architect's fee, the cost of plumbing, wiring, heating, etc., amounted to the sum of $9,244.90, making the total cost of the equipped building, $49,401.90.

Owing to the lack of funds it was found impossible to undertake the erection of the professors' dwelling houses at this time.

The Rev. Dr. M. O. J. Kreps was chosen to canvass the several churches of the United Synod for contributions to the building fund, and he succeeded in obtaining subscriptions amounting to $25,739.17, of which the sum of $16,374.05 has been collected. The subscriptions made, however, are not sufficient to meet the cost of constructing the administration building and the deficit amounts to $3,138.80, for which the United Synod should provide. Dr. Kreps' account is annexed to this report as an exhibit.

The duly audited account of Dr. C. L. Kibler, the Treasurer of the Joint Commission, is also hereto annexed as an exhibit.

The need for two professors' residences at our Seminary is a paramount consideration, and we urge upon Synod prompt action in this matter. We earnestly recommend that some immediate provision to meet this want be made.

In order to raise funds required to pay the balance due on the cost of the construction and equipment of our new Seminary building we earnestly recommend that the canvass for further subscriptions to the building fund be continued and vigorously prosecuted.

As the work of the Joint Commission was primarily to make a selection of the new location of the Seminary and as the Seminary building has been completed, we respectfully request that the Joint Commission be dissolved and discharged. The duty of collecting unpaid subscriptions can easily be discharged by the Board of Di-

rectors and the additional expenses of the commission thus avoided.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILSON, President.

October 13, 1912.

Report of Financial Secretary.

Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Chairman Central Committee:

I beg to submit a report of my canvass in the interest of the building fund of the Theological Seminary as follows:

Cash received	$ 7,477 95
Subscriptions (deferred payments)	18,261 22
Total	$25,739 17

I beg to call your attention to the fact, as you know, that I had to collect nearly all of the amount that has been collected from the Chamber of Commerce subscribers in Columbia, which required no little of my time.

Respectfully,

M. O. J. KREPS, Financial Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Joint Commission.

Dr. C. L. Kibler, in Account With Seminary Commission of the United Synod, From September 20, 1910, to November 4, 1912.

Construction Cost and General Expenses.

Seminary Building cost:		
Contractor	$40,401 90	
Architect	2,242 60	
Plumbing and heating	4,845 95	
Wiring	737 80	
Water system	857 18	
Boring well	296 50	
Survey	5 00	
Total cost		$49,386 93

Organization and General Expenses.

Salary and house rent	$ 3,245 00	
Insurance	780 40	
Traveling expenses	239 05	
Office expenses	520 12	

Interest and discount	2,042 76	
Total cost		6,827 33
		$56,214 26

LIABILITIES.

Notes payable:		
Union National Bank	$ 2,000 00	
Bank of Columbia	1,000 00	
Columbia Savings Bank and Trust Co.	3,500 00	
Mrs. Kate Hendrix	2,000 00	
Mrs. M. S. Habenicht	4,000 00	
Palmetto National Bank	5,000 00	
H. B. Wilson	200 00	
Accounts payable:		
Total notes		17,700 00
C. M. Robinson, architect	192 50	
Jno. A. Cathcart, insurance	45 00	
Total accounts		237 60
Total Liabilities		$17,937 60
Less cash on hand Nov. 4, 1912		1,508 10
Net lialibities		16,429 50
Receipts to Building Fund:		
Sale of Mt. Pleasant property	$ 5,868 58	
Canvass of agent	16,374 05	
Other sources	3,717 71	
Chamber of Commerce	13,824 42	
Total		39,784 76
		$56,214 26

ASSETS.

From pledges by agent	$9,365 12	
From pledges by Chamber of Commerce	3,925 58	
Total		$13,290 70

Unprovided for		3,188 80
Net liabilities		$16,429 50

Receipts since November 4, 1912, to November 11, 1912.

Bonds by agent	$ 115 00	
Chamber of Commerce	147 16	
		$ 262 16

(Banked November 11, 1912.)

Committee on President's Report submitted the following which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on Report of President.

The President's report evinces the deep interest with which he has watched the growing forces and activities of the United Synod during the two years of his incumbency.

Properly, at the outset, he calls attention to the favor of Almighty God under whose fostering presence we have advanced. Let all glory and honor be ascribed unto Him who leadeth us, and without whose leading all our plans and efforts are vain. We are also invited to lift up our eyes and look upon the fields white unto the harvest in opportunity for the reaping of our Southern Lutheran Zion. The vision is fair and should challenge our most conscientious determination and endeavor. What the harvest shall be depends upon us rather than upon God, for God is willing and ready to do His part according to His faithful word, but are we willing and ready to do our part according to our given ability?

Wisely does the report call to our attention the fact that our labors in the past have not been faultless. That we have made mistakes goes without saying, but by these let us not be discouraged. The rather, let us bravely face them, and of them make stepping stones to rise to higher attainments in the service of our Master. And that this may be our purpose, the report seeks, in part at least, to lead the way by such suggestions as will bring into existence a scheme whereby our financial policies may be more scientifically originated and projected, and thus all the agencies of the Church be cared for in the order of their importance and urgency.

For the realization of said scheme among us, a series of recommendations is offered. In the belief that these recommendations are well conceived and timely, we recommend them to the Synod for adoption in the order of their numbering in the report. (See President's report.)

In addition to the recommendations referred to, the report presents a number of conclusions arrived at by the President during his term of office. These are numbered 1, 2 and 3, and respecting them the following action is recommended: *First,* that conclusion (1) be referred to the District Synods composing this body for their prayerful consideration and accordant action.

Second, that conclusion (2) receive the Synod's most hearty endorsement.

Third, that conclusion (3) be coincided with by this body.

Believing that these conclusions are the mature fruit of serious thought upon the problems of our highest present and future development along safe and conservative lines, we, your committee, possessed of but one desire, and that, that our United Synod may come as speedily as possible into the just and efficient heritage of its forces and usefulness, recommend that at this meeting of Synod a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to propose to this body two years hence, a plan for the creation of a committee to be known as the Executive Committee of the United Synod and whose further duty it shall be to propose the organization, powers and functions of such committee and suggest rules for its guidance.

With reference to the matter of fraternal cooperation with other Lutheran bodies, we recommend, That the two committees, the Committee on Common Book of Worship and the Committee on Common Sunday School Literature, with the President of the United Synod as chairman, be constituted the Committee on Fraternal Cooperation.

(See President's report.)

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
E. L. GREEVER,
J. E. SHENK,
H. E. DREESON.

It was then

Resolved, That the Committee on Cooperation, named in Report on President's Report, be charged with the consideration of matters of the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, in pursuance of the proposition made to this body by the General Council of the Lutheran Church in the United States of America.

The consideration of the resolutions on the "New Financial Plan" was resumed. Pending the discussion, the Synod adjourned.

Benediction by the President of Synod.

At 8 p. m., Vesper services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Riser. Addresses were made by Prof. Geo. F. McAllister on Our Publication Interests, and on Theological Seminary by Rev. C. A. Freed.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1912, 9 A. M.

Synod met, and devotional services were led by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following committee was appointed on the proposed "Executive Committee:"

Revs. A. G. Voigt, M. G. G. Scherer, W. A. Deaton, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer,, and E. L. Greever, Esq.

Rev. W. H. Riser was recognized as in the place of Rev. C. A. Brown on the delegation of the North Carolina Synod.

Mr. Ambrose L. Henkel was excused from further attendance upon this session of Synod.

The consideration of the paper on the "New Financial Plan" was resumed, amended and adopted:

Whereas, The expansion of our work both at home and abroad calls for constantly increasing contributions; and

Whereas, For lack of a good financial system we have failed to enlist at least one-half of our people; and

Whereas, It has been repeatedly and amply demonstrated that through the New Financial Plan of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, not simply larger contributions are secured, but in many instances the entire membership are enlisted as systematic givers, and in all cases the number of regular contributors is largely increased; therefore, be it

1. *Resolved*, That the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, with the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, be requested to formulate a Financial Plan for the use of our congregations.

2. *Resolved*, That we approve the plan of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to hold a second General Convention early in 1914, and pledge our hearty cooperation and support.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions again presented its report, which was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions would respectfully present the following:

1. We find among the documents filed for our consideration:

(a) A communication from the President of the North Carolina Synod, wherein is a request that the United Synod take full charge of the mission in Raleigh, which is now a mission supported entirely by the Synod of North Carolina.

(b) Also a communication from a committee of the Synod of Georgia and Adjacent States, presenting the action of that Synod relative to consolidation of our Home Mission work, coupled with a request that the United Synod adopt a plan to unify all home mission operations of the various synods, said Georgia Synod connecting this request with a formal tender of its established missions.

(c) Also a communication from the President of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, submitting for consideration a tentative "Basis for Unification of Home Missions."

(d) Also a communication from a committee of the Synod of Mississippi conveying the action of that Synod relative to a partial support by the United Synod of a missionary to help Synod to do the work which needs to be done within its bounds.

Inasmuch as these several communications above named come within the special purview of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, we recommend that they be referred to said committee.

2. On behalf of the Lowman Home, located near White Rock, S. C., a paper has been filed by a committee of the South Carolina Synod, appointed to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the United Synod. The paper read as follows:

OVERTURE FROM SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD CONCERNING LOWMAN HOME.

We, the committee appointed by the South Carolina Synod to confer with a similar committee appointed by the United Synod, submit the following:

The South Carolina Synod at its last convention appointed a strong Board for the Lowman Home, and gave the management of the institution its hearty endorsement by commending its support to all the congregations of the Synod and to the public in general.

It authorized the Board to raise $10,000 for the enlargement of the Home, so it can meet the demand for caring for the aged and helpless throughout the bounds of our Southern Church.

The mangament of the Home asks the United Synod at this convention to give the institution its moral support and commend it to all of our people of the United Synod and all other persons who may desire to contribute to this kind of institutional work.

Also, it is the desire of the South Carolina Synod, that whenever the United Synod shall deem it proper to receive this institution under its fostering care and management, the property will be conveyed to the United Synod.

The property of this institution consists of about 1,000 acres of land, located near White Rock, South Carolina, together with some property in the villages of Chapin and White Rock, all of which is estimated to be worth $22.000. Also the donor along with the conveyance of the real estate, gives cash to the amount of $2,800.

The village property and cash were given as a foundation for the establishment of a deaconess home. The Board has the right to use this fund by paying interest on all the cash donated and on the proceeds of the note of the village property to Mrs. Lowman during her natural life at the rate of 6 per cent interest.

During the last year the Home has made improvements on the property amounting to $3,600, and has incurred an indebtedness to the amount of $3,000. The Home has now on hand in live stock, farm implements and provisions, altogether worth $1,250.

The 1,000 acres of land is entailed for thirty-three years from date of the deed of conveyance to the South Carolina Synod. After the expiration of that time the property can be disposed of as the Synod shall deem proper. The village property can be sold at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. Kreps,
A. H. Kohn.

Your Committee recommends that this paper be printed in minutes and commended to sympathetic attention of all our people, and that the United Synod appoint a committee of three to confer with the committee of the South Carolina Synod relative to the subject presented in the foregoing paper, and to report to next convention of this body.

3. There is before us a cordial invitation to this body to hold its next convention in Columbia, S. C., "as guest jointly of

Ebenezer and St. Paul's congregations, with the other congregations and institutions cooperating.

We submit this petition for action by the United Synod.

4. Mr. D. F. Efird, delegate-elect from the Tennessee Synod and a member of the Lutheran Board of Publication, expresses regret at his inability to attend the convention. Likewise Mr. C. W. Polvogt, delegate-elect from the North Carolina Synod, by telegram expresses regret at not being able to be present, and sends fraternal greetings. We recommend that these brethren be excused.

5. We have on file a courteous letter from a commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, with regard to a World Conference to be held in 1913, for the "Consideration of Questions Touching Faith and Order," asking us to unite with them in arranging for and conducting such conference. We can not but rejoice in the spirit which prompts this movement toward a truer unity among Christians "confessing our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour," and trust that we, as a Lutheran body are sincerely in accord with the prayer of our Saviour, "That they all may be one," and are willing to lay aside all self-will, and be bound by the Word of God only; nevertheless we deem it best to defer official action in the premises, not in the spirit, however, of separatism, but in brotherly love and good will to all who confess Jesus Christ as God and Saviour.

6. We have also a communication from the National Reform Association, which has for its object the revival and diffusion of national religion. We are invited to send representatives to the second World's Christian Citizen Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 29, 1913. While we are necessarily interested in all great world-wide movements which are promotive of civic righteousness, we can not at this time accede to this kindly request, but authorize our President to make courteous acknowledgement of the same, with assurance of our sympathy with all legitimate movements having for their object the elevation of the moral tone of our body politic.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
R. L. PATTERSON,
T. W. SHEALY,
W. H. ROOF,
A. H. KOHN,
C. E. BOGER,
J. S. ETTER.

Under this action, the invitation of St. Paul's and Ebenezer congregations jointly, with other Lutheran congregations of the city cooperating, to hold our next convention in Columbia, S. C., was accepted.

The Lowman Home Conference committee, asked for by a committee of the South Carolina Synod, was appointed as follows: Revs. Geo. H. Cox, Chas. K. Hunton, and Mr. J. E. Cooper.

The following response to an appeal from the Mississippi Synod was adopted:

Whereas, the Synod of Mississippi has appealed to this body for aid in the support of a missionary to be located at Goodman, and from that point to cultivate contiguous points, and otherwise add strength to the working forces of the synod, therefore·

Resolved, That this body does hereby acknowledge the reception of this appeal and put on record its declaration of sympathetic consideration in behalf of the interests of their member of our United Synod, and its claims upon our help in view of its isolation and struggle for preservation as a Lutheran organization, and its need of assistance in carrying on the work which claims its fostering care.

Resolved, That this appeal be placed in the hands of our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and commended to their favorable consideration at an early a date as possible.

The Committee to Nominate a Board of Education reported as follows, and the nominees were elected:

Report of Committee to Nominate a Board of Education.

We submit the names of the following persons to constitute the Board of Education for the ensuing biennium: Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Revs. J. H. Wannemacher, C. P. MacLaughlin, A. D. R. Hancher, C. F. W. Hoppe.

W. P. CLINE,
J. J. SCHERER, JR.,
G. F. McALLISTER.

The Committee on Finance reported, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Finance.

1. The regular annual apportionment of one-half cent per member of the District Synods will be adequate for current expenses of this biennium.

2. The payment by the District Synods of the balance of special apportionment (Min. 1910, p. 87) will liquidate the debt there mentioned.

3. It is requested that the Secretary and Treasurer of this Synod continue to bring this matter to the attention of the District Synods concerned, and notify all the District Synods of regular annual apportionment of one-half cent per member.

C. A. FREED,
E. L. RITCHIE,
B. L. UMBERGER,
J. P. WISE.

(Standing Committee on Finance—Revs. C. A. Freed, J. H. Wilson, Ed. L. Ritchie, W. L. Darr; Messrs. B. L. Umberger, P. C. Price, J. P. Wise, F. R. Epting.)

The Report of Committee on District Synods was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on District Synods.

Your committee, from the minutes of the Synods, and from other information received, has gleaned some facts which are presented in the following: The pastors, godly men as they are, have been faithful in preaching the Gospel of the blessed Master, in watching their flocks, and in guiding them in the way of all truth, and the Lord has given abundant evidence of His faithfulness to His promises and of the sufficiency of His grace.

Many indications reveal the fact that our faithful pastors preach to a no less faithful people—a people who love the house of God and the precious means of grace.

If advancement along many lines of Christian work is any sign of spiritual life and growth on the part of our people, we have great reason to thank God and take courage.

As we note the increased interest in benevolence, the regular and special gifts of many of our people, the large number of contributors to the Japan school, the Theological Seminary and Orphan Home; the growing interest in the cause of Sunday schools, the normals, teacher-training classes, mission study classes, and new Sunday school buildings and rooms with their modern equipment; the growing interest in missions among the laymen, women, young people and children, and the loyalty on the part of our congregations to all the causes of their own Synods and the United Synod, we are encouraged to hope for much and to expect larger and better results in the years that are before us.

The large enrollment of students in many of our institutions of learning, the large increase in the endowment of our colleges, the new and handsome buildings recently erected by others, and the establishing of new colleges and seminaries for our young women, indicate the very high degree of interest our people are taking in Christian and higher education.

While we are gratified to note that catechising has been carefully attended to in many of the congregations in nearly all of the Synods, yet it is to be deplored that in many of the churches of the Synods this important work has been sadly neglected. But, perhaps, the very fact that this is deplored should give us hope and encouragement.

It is encouraging that many of our people in our territory are earnest and regular readers of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and that many of the homes are supplied with good Christian literature.

We believe from what God has wrought we are growing, and have abundant reasons to expect larger things and brighter days.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS,
J. L. MORGAN,
G. H. RHODES,
W. E. BIBLE,
S. T. SHANK.

It was

Resolved, That as part remuneration for the arduous and responsible duties of the Secretary, the Treasurer be directed to pay him the sum of $50 for the biennium.

The following Committee on Common Sunday School Literature was appointed: Revs. W. H. Greever, H. A. McCullough, and C. F. W. Hoppe.

The following was adopted:

Teacher Training Course.

We, your Committee appointed to arrange a Teacher-training Course for our Sunday school workers, and to prepare or select and recommend suitable text books, beg leave to report:

That we have done some of the work entrusted to us. The chairman of the committee accepted work outside the bounds of the United Synod before this report was prepared. Our work has not been pursued to such definite end as to produce concrete re-

sults. We have not found it possible to complete the work with the material at hand nor to outline a course of study which would meet the needs of our people. We deem a comprehensive, but brief course or text-book, dealing with the fundamentals of Bible school work, viz: the school, the teacher the pupil, the book, which may be completed by classes of teachers in one year's work, to be a need not yet satisfactorily supplied. Some denominational and interdenominational books, e. g., "The Legion of Honor" and "Training the Teacher," the first standard course of the International Sunday School Association, are prepared on a satisfactory plan, but are not written from a Lutheran standpoint. Many of our pastors and Sunday school workers have expressed a desire for a book from a Lutheran source, prepared on a similar plan.

We recommend that the United Synod make provision looking toward the production of such a book.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. CRONK,
JOHN HALL.

Under this action the following committee was appointed: Revs. E. C. Cronk, J. H. Harms, John Hall and H. A. McCullough.

The time and place of next convention were fixed as follows:

Place—Columbia, S. C., with Lutheran congregations.

Time—Tuesday, at 10 a. m., after the second Sunday in November, 1914.

The report of Committee on Church Ltierature was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Church Literature.

The dissemination of a distinctive character of religious intelligence, which can not bear a more comprehensive title than that of Church Literature, has always been characteristic of the Lutheran Church. It was Dr. Luther himself who brought to his aid the mighty power of the press in buildng the fires of the Reformation. Indeed it was Luther who gave the German invention of the art of printing something to do in his day and started it on its paramount mission in the production and circulation of

that form of literature which sets forth the principles of our holy religion and the doctrines of the Church which swept away the tide of error and superstition and established the Word of God firmly in the hearts of millions of souls.

The progress in material things in the twentieth century demands even greater activity in the circulation of standard and current Church literature than perhaps in any other age. The reason for such increased activity in this respect is manifest to every one who has even the least contact with the great number of books and periodicals, which are produced almost hourly by the press of today, and it behooves the Church to rally its forces and put forth every means within its power to stem the tide of error and infidelity which finds surreptitious access into many Christian homes in the form of the printed page.

We note with pride the continued growth of our own publication interests and the provision that has been made for its further work in the matter of a plant. Your committee is disposed to consider the dedication of the Publication building in Columbia, S. C., on November 10, 1912, and the meeting of our different Lutheran editors there a most notable event in our Church life. We look for great results from it in the form of more efficient service in their respective Church papers, and especially should it so result in our own territory on account of the great interest which the dedicatory services created among our people and the large attendance and undivided attention manifested in the addresses which were delivered on that occasion.

We find that in reviewing the work of our own Lutheran Board of Publication in the last biennium, that it has sent out two books: *The Sacramental Feast*, by Dr. C. Armand Miller, *What is Good for Man*, by Rev. S. P. Koon. Also the Publication Board issued a special edition of *"Missionary Heroes of the Lutheran Church,"* bearing its imprint.

The Hymnal for the Sunday School has had a wide circulation, and is still meeting with success. This book, we believe, will go a long way towards preparing the way for the Common Service with Music, which we hope will follow soon. A second edition of this Hymnal has been necessary.

The committee notes with interest that the several general bodies of our Church are working together along the line of the preparation of uniform Sunday school litrature, so much desired and so greatly needed in our distinctive work as a Church in America.

It is a matter of historic interest and commendable pride that the Common Service originated with the Southern Church, and in

this connection we note with a similar degree of pride that a bond of union in the use of common missionary literature of a very superior character has been made possible by the consecrated efforts of the noble band of women in our Southern Church who in this respect seem to follow in the footsteps of the fathers.

During the last biennium, the "Missionary Programs," together with the "Program Helps," published by the General Literature Committee of the Woman's General Conference, have been received with even greater favor than the former series. They have been adopted, used and praised by the General Council—every congregation in the Synod of Canada using them. The Augustana Synod has translated them for the use of its Swedish congregations. Also permission has been asked to translate them for use in the United Norwegian Synod, these two bodies together comprising half a million communicants. A Cooperative Literature Committee has been constituted in conjunction with the General Synod and the General Council and some literature has already been issued.

One of the most notable contributions to our current Church literature made by the Missionary Conference is the "Lutheran Facts" series, now in the press and to be issued yearly, giving timely and much needed information concerning Lutheran conditions and progress. Some idea of the extent of this committee's work can be had from the fact that during the last biennium there has been published 168,000 pieces of literature. There are in press now, besides these, another edition of 164,000 pieces.

We learn with gratification that many of our Sunday schools are beginning to see in *Tidings* a help as indispensable as the regular literature itself. But the circulation of this paper is not as wide as it should be and we wish to commend it to pastors, Sunday school superintendents and missionary workers.

The United Synod has in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* a Church paper which should attract and command our fullest support and interest by the ability displayed in its editorial management and its aggressive work for the advancement of all the causes of the Church. This paper should find its way into every home within the bounds of the United Synod. With this end in view, the "Every Home" canvass, which has been inaugurated by the general manager of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, should receive at once the hearty cooperation of every pastor and church council in the United Synod. It has been brought to the attention of your committee that in the progress of the campaign, instances occur in certain and more remote sections that some congregations

have not the financial ability to put the plan into effect, and we are informed authoritatively that at the present time such congregations could at once place the *Church Visitor* into every home of its members if the fund which has been already secured for such purposes could be supplemented by a small amount.

We recommend, therefore, that the importance of the consideration of the "Every Home" circulation plan of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* be commended to all of our churches and that the manager of the Lutheran Board of Publication be requested to communicate this action to every church council in the United Synod through their pastors at the earliest possible date.

Second, that the "Every Home" circulation of *Tidings* be likewise urged and that the manager of the Board of Publication be requested to communicate this action to every Sunday school within the bounds of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
J. L. MORGAN,
H. G. DAVIS,
CHAS. A. PHILIPS,
G. C. HINE,
WM. P. HOUSEAL.

It was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Statistical Secretary ten ($10) dollars to cover the expense entailed in preparing the statistical table.

On motion, $5 was voted janitor of this church.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication submitted the following, which was adopted:

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Publication.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

The report placed in our hands is a very comprehensive showing of the work of the Board of Publication for the past biennium.

We would hereby express our gratification at the marvelous growth and development of our Publication interests as committed to the Board. Further, that the Board, through the sagacious business methods employed in the disposition of the main street property in the city of Columbia, and the acquiring of the

Sumter street property in the same city, together with the construction of a splendid four-story building, specially adapted to the uses of the Board and equipped for efficient service, has displayed marked wisdom for which this synod is profoundly grateful. If we may discriminate in this matter, we feel that special mention is due Rev. Dr. W. H. Greever, manager of the Board, for his arduous and indefatigable labors. Through his untiring efforts, zeal and faith much of what we have has been made possible. We most heartily commend the official conduct of the Board in the publication and handling of the books named and in the publication of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the entire report of the Board of Publication be printed in our minutes.

2. That all the church councils of our congregations throughout the United Synod be urged to make a most faithful effort by an every home canvass to place the *Lutheran Church Visitor* in every home.

3. That the President of the United Synod be empowered to fill vacancies that may occur during the interim of this body.

4. That the following compose the Board during the next biennium: Revs. W. P. Cline, E. J. Sox and W. H. Greever, Geo. B. Cromer, D. F. Efird, P. C. Price and A. H. Kohn.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KINARD,
J. B. GREINER,
M. J. EPTING,
JNO. D. CAPPELMANN.

It was

Resolved, That in consideration of the fact that the representative on the Board of Foreign Missions from Mississippi can not attend the meetings of the Board without great inconvenience, this body approves Rev. W. H. Greever as his proxy, to serve as a member of this Board in the absence of the member from Mississippi.

On unanimous vote, the Secretary of this Synod is authorized now to cast the vote of the Synod for the election of all the incorporated Boards elected by this body, and he so does, and declares such boards elected.

The Report of Committee on Literary Institutions was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Literary Institutions.

There has been placed in the hands of your committee a large amount of valuable information in regard to the educational institutions within the bounds of the United Synod. The biennium shows the most remarkable development of our educational work in the whole history of the Lutheran Church in the South.

Two colleges for women have been founded and opened their doors in the fall of 1912. They are Roanoke Woman's College and Summerland College. Marion College erected a new building on the old site. Mont Amoena Seminary is erecting a new building on a new site. The Japan College and the Theological Seminary building were erected in the same period.

This is a record, wonderful, unparalleled, in the history of the Lutheran Church in the United States. So remarkable is the record that your committee feels that it should be recorded in the minutes of this Synod.

Roanoke Woman's College was founded by the Synod of Virginia and Southwest Virgina. It is owned and controlled by these Synods. It is designed to be a high grade Lutheran woman's college. Its property consists of a 30-acre campus and a new college building costing when fully equipped, $60,000. The residence and campus are valued at $10,000. Its work began October 2, with an able faculty of 10. Fifty-eight students are enrolled.

Summerland College was founded by the South Carolina Synod, and is owned and controlled by that Synod. It is to be a first class woman's college. Its property consists of completely furnished building and 40 acres of ground. It cost the Synod $25,000, and represents an investment of $80,000. The college faculty is composed of six experienced instructors, and 50 students are enrolled.

Marion College began the session of 1912 in a new building costing $40,000. It aims to be one of the best junior colleges in the State. The faculty numbers 9, and 60 students are enrolled.

Lenoir College has added to its buildings the Yoder Memorial Science building costing $12,000. It is raising an endowment of $100,000, of which $7,000 has been paid. It had received a bequest of $6,000. Eight of its alumni and eighteen of its students are preparing for the ministry. Its faculty numbers 15, and 225 students are enrolled.

Roanoke College has added three new buildings, dormitory, gymnasium, and college commons at a cost of $75,000. The Bureau of Education of the United States places Roanoke College in class A, with a star (*), ranking it next to the University of

Virginia. Two hundred students will be enrolled this year. The faculty numbers 19. It received bequests of $12,000.

Newberry College has added $75,000 to its endowment fund. Its students won first place in every literary and oratorical contest in 1911 and 1912. They have also abolished hazing. The faculty numbers 15; the student body 247.

A new building costing $25,000 is being erected for Mont Amoena Seminary on the new campus of ten acres. The faculty numbers 5, and 50 students are enrolled.

The Japan school buildings were erected at a cost of $29,000. The faculty numbers 15 and the student enrollment 205.

The new Theological Seminary building was erected and equipped at an expenditure of $49,000. The faculty numbers 4, and there are 20 students.

The Collegiate Institute has a faculty of five, and 104 students

The grand total expended in the erection of buildings is $331,000, and $82,000 have been added to endowment funds with $18,000 given as bequests. These amounts make a total of $420,000 actually expended and given to the cause of education. To this must be added the value of lands donated for sites and difference of cost of buildings, amounting to $80,000. These sums show an actual money value of $500,000.

There are in the institutions on the territory of the United Synod, 118 professors and 1,367 students.

The above record should excite in all our people the profoundest gratitude to Almighty God for His marvelous blessings upon all our educational work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. KEISTER,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
C. K. BELL,
E. C. SWYGERT,
J. E. COOPER.

It was

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions be instructed to give immediate attention to the conditions of the Mission in Birmingham, and make such provision for its support and development as may be in their judgment necessary.

The following on Treasurer's Report was adopted:

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We, your committee, beg to report that we have carefully examined the report of J. E. Cooper, Treasurer of the United Synod, and that we find the same correct. Proper vouchers were presented with his report for all disbursements.

The special funds of the United Synod in the hands of the Treasurer are all safely invested. The securities were exhibited to the committee.

We recommend that the Treasurer's disposition of the proceeds derived from the sale of Bernheim Hall be approved by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. McALLISTER,
H. L. BONHAM.

The Committee on Inner Missions reported. Report adopted:

Report of Committee on Inner Missions and Deaconess Work.

Your committee early in the biennium planned to do considerable work in its sphere of interest. With this in view the committee met in the library of Newberry College, soon after the adjournment of the last convention of the United Synod. One member was authorized to communicate with the various Lutheran colleges and State schools of the South and make a list of the reading rooms where the *Church Visitor* could be put on file for the benefit of our students in attendance; a second was instructed to make a similar list of the reading rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association in our larger cities with a similar object in view; the third was set to work to find out how many seaport towns along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts had seamen's homes or port missions where the Bible and Lutheran literature in the necessary languages could be put for the use of seamen coming from Lutheran countries. An appeal was made for funds, but in vain, and the committee was unable to follow up its work of investigation. It was assured that the Board of Publication would be willing to give the *Visitor* at special rates for this purpose and it commends this work to the United Synod and to the pastors living in cities where these inner mission activities can be set in motion, as has already been done in several cases.

The committee notes with pleasure the growing interest taken by our pastors in Lutheran hospices for young men. Columbia and

Charlotte have been mentioned as favorable centers. The committee feels that work might be begun on a small basis in a self-sustaining way in several of our Southern cities. With our Lutheran young men turning to the large centers of population, too much can not be done to provide for them and keep them in active connection with the Church.

There are three inner mission institutions in the territory of the United Synod, from each one of which the committee has received a report.

1. The Jacob Washington Franke Hospital and Home was opened in Charleston in 1908. It has property worth $40,000, with an endowment of $35,000. It provides for eight inmates who are in the care of two helpers. It is intended for local work only, but it can readily be understood that with the large Lutheran population in Charleston it can be the center of blessings to many people.

2. The Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless is located near White Rock, South Carolina, and has been in full operation since January 1, 1912. The Rev. W. P. Cline, a member of our committee, is the superintendent and treasurer. The institution cares for four persons and is rapidly equipping itself for wider usefulness. It is a child of the South Carolina Synod, but well deserves the interest of the United Synod, and the committee fosters the hope that the General Body will enable every Lutheran in the Southland to speak of it as our home. The institution is endowed with a large farm, beyond which about two thousand dollars in money were at its disposal at the beginning of the year. Improvements to the extent of $3,600 have been made and the South Carolina Synod has authorized its board to raise and expend $10,000 more for the enlargement of the Home. It is an important work and deserves the heartiest encouragement of the United Synod. It is on a small scale the same as the work carried on at Rochester, Pa., by the Passavant Home for Epileptics, and by the great institution founded by Pastor Bodelschwingh at Bielefeld, Germany.

3. The Orphan Home, Salem, Va., will no doubt make its report directly through its own Board. It is the largest of the inner mission institutions in our territory. It cares for over one hundred orphans and is eager to extend its usefulness to orphan infants and half-orphans. The sphere of inner mission work includes the welfare of both. The care of half-orphans might be made almost self-sustaining by providing a separate building for the purpose and allowing the parent to pay a certain amount each month. The superintendent, Mr. Crabtree, in a letter to the com-

mittee, cites the following case: A Lutheran by the death of his wife was left with five children. Having no near relatives that could assist him and no suitable person being found to care for the motherless children, he appealed to the Orphan Home at Salem to receive his children and offered to pay any reasonable sum month by month for their care. But there was no room in the home and he had to be refused. He thereupon turned to a Catholic institution and of course found room there for his Lutheran children. It is the hope of the committee that gradually all cases of need appealing to the love of the Church can be accepted and disposed of in the spirit of the Saviour's "Inasmuch." The committee greatly rejoices in the prosperity of our Home and is gratified at the desire to widen its circle of usefulness.

No further work has been done in the training of deacons, deaconesses and Christian workers. Miss Josephine Copeland continues as a welfare worker, but not under the care of our Synod. Miss Bowers has become a deaconess in connection with the Lutheran Home for Deaconesses at Baltimore, and Miss Simpson has accepted a call as missionary to Africa under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Synod.

The committee feels the importance of Inner Mission work on the territory of the United Synod. It respectfully suggests the continuance of a committee and craves a small appropriation for the prosecution of the work that will present itself in the coming biennium.

The chairman of the committee, having moved from the center of the territory of the United Synod, desires to be relieved from further service on the committee, as the distance makes it impossible for him to attend its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. FINCK,
JAS. D. KINARD,
W. P. CLINE.

Report of Committee on Report of Committee on Inner Missions.

The report of the Committee on Inner Missions shows conscientious and efficient attention to the cause committed to it. This committee would commend it for its work.

In view of the needs and opportunities set forth in that report, and in view, further, of the crystallizing sentiment in favor of the organization of Inner Mission work within the United Synod, this committee recommends:

1. That the United Synod create a regular Inner Mission and Deaconess Board composed of five members.

2. That the Synod provide at this time for the election of this Board, and empower it to adopt proper rules and by-laws for its working organization.

Your committee is informed by the President of the Lowman Home Board that upon negotiation with the Deaconess Board of the General Synod for trained deaconess helpers for the Lowman Home it is found that such help would be available if this body had a regular Deaconess Board through which the assignment could be made regularly, but not otherwise. We, therefore, recommend that the United Synod create, at this time, a Deaconess Board, and that a committee be appointed to nominate five members for that Board to this convention.

3. That whatever funds are available from offerings, or otherwise, in connection with this convention, be turned over to this Board for its work.

W. H. GREEVER,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
JACOB UMLAUF,
J. H. WANNEMACHER,
G. C. HINE.

Under this action the "Inner Mission and Deaconess Board" was appointed as follows: Revs. W. H. Greever, M. G. G. Scherer, C. E. Weltner, Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D., and Jno. F. Ficken, Esq.

The matter of royalty on Book of Worship was, on motion, referred to the Board of Publication and the Common Book Committee, with power to act.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its sincere appreciation of the careful and complete plans made for the entertainment of this body by the Church of the Redeemer, and that to the pastor and congregation, and to the choir and such committees as have been active in contributing to our comfort and convenience, and the success of this convention, we express our hearty thanks, and that we invoke the blessing and favor of God upon this congregation in its work and in the homes and lives of the members.

Resolved, That this body places on record its grateful recognition of the courtesies which have been extended this body by the press of the city of Atlanta, in connection with the proceedings of this convention.

Under the action on the Report of Home Missions the President appointed the following committee: Revs. L. A. Fox, C. K. Hunton, C. K. Bell, and Judge B. B. Miller and E. L. Greever, Esq.

It was, on motion, ordered that 4,000 copies of the Minutes of this Convention be printed for free distribution; and the Treasurer is authorized to pay for the same.

Minutes of today's session were read, and approved.

The Synod adjourned, and was closed by the President, using the form provided in our Book of Worship.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and faithful record of the proceedings of the Thirteenth regular Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., November 12-16, 1912.

S. T. HALLMAN, Secretary.

Spartanburg, S. C.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Church of Redeemer—Revs. J. C. Seegers and R. C. Holland. Sunday school addresses by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, S. T. Hallman, J. E. Cooper, R. C. Holland, and Jacob Umlauf.

Mt. Pilgrim and St. Philip's (Lutheran), Haralson and Senoia, Ga.—Revs. M. J. Epting, and A. W. Ballentine.

North Avenue Presbyterian—Rev. J. A. Morehead, in morning.

Central Presbyterian—Rev. J. A. Morehead, in evening.

West End Presbyterian—Rev. G. H. Rhodes.

Inman Park Presbyterian—Rev. H. G. Davis.

Jackson Hill Baptist—Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, morning; Rev. L. A. Fox, evening.

West End Baptist—Rev. T. O. Keister.

Capitol Avenue Baptist—Rev. E. C. Cronk.

Methodist—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.

General Mass Meeting, Grand Opera House—Address by Dr. Geo. B. Cromer. Music by Atlanta Federation of Musicians.

LIST OF VISITING MINISTERS.

Rev. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Rev. J. B. Harman, Senoia, Ga.
Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D., Orangeburg, S. C.
Rev. E. C. Cooper, Lynchburg, Va.
Rev. J. W. Oxner, Cameron, S. C.
Rev. D. A. Sox, Carrollton, Ga.
Rev. F. B. Clausen, Wilmington, N. C.
Rev. W. H. Riser, China Grove, N. C.
Rev. E. H. Copenhaver, Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. J. F. Bruch, Waynesboro, Va.
Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.

Standing Resolutions.

JUNE 26, 1886, TO NOVEMBER 16, 1912.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses*: That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled*: That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Accepts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board*: That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled: 1904, p. 117: That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions, (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work. (Note—Modified by the cr ation of two Boards).

4. 1904, p. 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised*: That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the District Synods, beginning with this convention, and that such District Synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

5. 1904, p. 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated*: That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasions of the presentations of the several causes of synod the offerings shall be devoted, unless otherwise ordered, to the cause, or causes, presented.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution*: We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

9. 1904, p. 124. *Divorce*: The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the purview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church can not but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to inculcate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of

the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps also for willful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, (there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living; therefore, no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God Himself—that is, by the death of one of the parties.) The clause in parenthesis is qualified, in fact, nullified by the action of 1908.—Sec'y.

1908, pp. 45, 46. *Divorce—Qualification*: At the ninth convention of this body a series of propositions on Divorce and Remarriage was submitted for consideration at the following convention (Min. IX. Conv., p. 124). At the last convention these propositions were simply ordered to be reprinted (Min. X. Conv., p. 72).

The United Synod now expresses its judgment in regard to these propositions as follows:

They contain a timely and forceful statement of the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce, now unhappily so widely prevalent. But they require qualification so as to recognize the right of the innocent divorced party to remarry.

The dissolution of the marriage bond for reasons explicitly recognized by our Lord and in Scripture must be regarded as sanctioned by God Himself, and the innocent party "is not under bondage in such cases" (I. Cor. 7:15). There is nothing in Scripture to forbid such marriages of the innocent party, for the passages, Matt. 5:32; 19:9; Mk. 10:11, 12; Lu. 16:18, imply that there was no true dissolution of marriage. Accordingly the Smalkald Articles (Jacob's translation, p. 35) declare: "Unjust also is the tradition which forbids an innocent person to marry after divorce."

10. 1910, pp. 82, 89, 102. *Periods of Offerings*: That October be omitted from the body of our Minutes, *except* on the Roll of Synod and in recording names of officers elected.

11. p. 7, 1912. *Titles*: Hereafter all titles of ministers shall be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

That Reformation season be adopted as Home Mission period in all our Sunday schools.

That the Epiphany season be recognized as Foreign Mission Festival in all our congregations; and that "April Japan Day" be designated as the season for special offerings for the Japan Mission in all our Sunday schools.

That all the Sunday schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the support of the Home; when suitable, such offerings to be taken during the summer months.

12. 1910, p. 101, *Mission Reports—When Made*: That the Boards of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions and of Publication shall submit their reports in printed form at the first session of each convention of the United Synod; and that these reports be referred to appropriate committees at once, and that these be presented in connection with the reports of these committees.

Charter of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, R. A. Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C., and W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That a meeting of the aforesaid organization held, pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said corporation, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State*, a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid declaration would be filed.

And Whereas, That said Declaration and Petition further declared and affirmed:

First. Their names and residences are as above given.

Second. The name of the proposed corporation is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod.

Third. The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to conduct and manage the work of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, as shall from time to time be authorized and directed by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; the members of the said corporation to be elected by the said United Synod as its rules shall require. And with the power to acquire, hold, manage, convey and mortgage property, real and personal, as authorized by law.

Fifth. The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows: Rev. R. A. Yoder, D.D., president; Rev. W. H. Riser, secretary; John M. Rhodes, treasurer.

Sixth. That they desired to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter XLVIII, Article 11, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities conferred by said Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, GIVEN UNDER My Hand and the Seal of the State, at Columbia, this 12th day of March, in the Year of our Lord one (Seal) thousand and nine hundred and nine and in the one hundred and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

R. M. McCOWN,
Secretary of State.

Recorded in office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, for Richland County, S. C., this 17th day of March, 1909, in Corporation Book at page 295 and certified to by J. F. WALKER, C. C. C. P. and G. S.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOURTH CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE
OF THE
UNITED SYNOD
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South,
Held in Atlanta, Ga., November 13, 14, 1912.

FIRST SESSION.

CHAPEL OF CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
ATLANTA, GA., NOVEMBER 13, 1912.

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in the chapel of the Central Presbyterian church, November 13, 1912.

At 9 o'clock a. m., a Mission Study class in "China's New Day" was conducted by Rev. E. C. Cronk.

A devotional service on the topic, Vision and Leadership, was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Following this the Convention was formally opened according to the regular order, by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The following officers were present:

President—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Salem, Va.

Vice President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Columbia, S. C.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.

Corresponding Secretary and Reporting Treasurer—Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.

Thank Offering Secretary—Miss Constance Cline, Concord, N. C.

The delegates were enrolled as follows:

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Southwestern Virginia Synod—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.

South Carolina Synod—Mrs. J. H. Harms, Mrs. E. W. Leslie, Mrs. C. L. Kibler, Mrs. J. B. Umberger, Miss Eva Grieshaber.

North Carolina Synod—Mrs. R. L. Patterson, Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Mrs. J. A. Thom, Mrs. W. H. Riser, Miss Constance Cline.

Georgia Synod—Miss Lalla McGraw, Miss C. A. Goerz.

Holston Synod—Miss Louie Bible.

Virginia Synod.—Miss Helen I. Schmidt.

Tennessee Synod.—Mrs. L. S. Trotti, Mrs. M. A. Ashby, Mrs. W. J. Boger.

Greetings were extended by Miss Lalla McGraw, for the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.; by Mrs. S. D. Jones, for the Atlanta Union of Mission Workers; and by Mrs. Samuel Lumpkin, for the Atlanta Missionary Union.

The President responded to these greetings.

Synodical messages were brought to the Conference by Mrs. J. G. Bringman, for the Southwestern Virginia Synod.

Mrs. J. B. Umberger, for the South Carolina Synod.

Mrs. R. L. Patterson, for the North Carolina Synod.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk, for the Georgia Synod.

Miss Louie Bible, for the Holston Synod.

Miss Helen I. Schmidt, for the Virginia Synod.

Mrs. W. J. Boger, for the Tennessee Synod.

A telegram was read from Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, of Delaware, Ohio (who was to have been official representative from the General Synod Society), announcing the death of her husband. Special prayer was offered for Mrs. Shaffer, in her bereavement, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send a telegram expressing the sympathy of the Conference.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman brought greetings from the last Convention of the General Synod Society, which she attended as the official representative from this Conference.

The President's report was then read.

President's Report.

My Dear Fellow Workers: It gives us much joy to greet one another again as we assemble in the name of our Lord and His Christ. It is a joy to feel that we have common sympathies, common interests and a common aim. It is a still greater joy to feel, unbelievable as it may seem, that we are His chosen instruments to carry forward His will and that He has need of us. But mingled with our joy is the sobering feeling of the great respon-

sibility that lies upon us. What if we fail to respond to the Master's touch! What if we mar the perfect harmony the Master meant by the noise of self-seeking, by clamor, and by the discord of hasty and ill-advised action! We humbly pray that He who has chosen us to His service may so guide us with heavenly wisdom that our meeting together may be for the ultimate good of the kingdom.

OUR FOREIGN WORK.

It is not necessary here to repeat details familiar to all of you in regard to our Japan Mission. For the first time since the Conference was organized we have none of our missionaries with us in person. We may be sure, however, that all of them are with us in spirit during our meeting and that of the United Synod.

The missionaries on the field in Japan have written to the Board that the services of two young women are now needed in Japan. One of them should be a trained and experienced kindergartner capable of training and directing the native teachers. The other should have educational qualifications such as would avail in planting the work for women with the possible outcome of a school for girls.

Within the last few weeks I have received the following message from the Board of Missions:

"At a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod, held in Charlotte, N. C., October 16, 1912, the following action was taken in regard to sending out to Japan two young women missionaries:

"*Resolved,* 1st, That we submit to the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod the proposition that this Board stands ready to commission two young women who may be found to possess the proper qualifications whenever the Woman's Missionary Conference will assume their support over and above the aid hitherto rendered in behalf of the mission cause in Japan.

"*Resolved,* 2nd, That in case the above proposition is accepted by the Woman's Missionary Conference, the Board requests that two or three ladies be designated by the Woman's Missionary Conference whom the Board of Foreign Missions may call into consultation concerning the work contemplated."

Such is the call to us. We believe that young women of the necessary qualifications and consecration can be found in our own territory. All things are possible which we have faith to undertake, and we pray that this new open door in Japan may find the

response of the open heart among the women of the United Synod of the South.

OUR HOME WORK.

It is impossible for us to undertake a common home mission work, as long as we are expected to contribute to both the United Synod Home Mission and our own synodical missions. Until some feasible plan for cooperation can be worked out by the Board of Home Missions and the synodical missions, each synodical missionary society will have to decide as heretofore on the special home mission work to be undertaken.

There is to my mind nothing so deplorable as the circulation of the idea that there is anything antagonistic in the work of the different boards. And I have never yet discovered that it tends to arouse interest in our great home mission problems to blame the people for giving liberally to foreign missions. The spirit of giving once aroused tends to spend itself whenever and wherever the need is clearly and forcibly presented.

Let us take it upon ourselves then, as part of our home mission work, to make a study of the field at home, and to direct our women to the many channels for usefulness in which their desire for service may expend itself.

REVIEW OF THE BIENNIUM.

Our work during the past two years has had many encouraging features. One new synodical society has been organized and the others have made substantial progress. All have held interesting and helpful annual conventions. In the North Carolina and South Carolina societies there has been a notable expansion of the work among the young people. There is, too, an evidence of increasing interest in Mission Study.

There is, however, one poignant note of sadness in the memory of the past two years—the loss of one of the members of our Executive Committee, Miss Amelia Habenicht. When we think of the beauty of this young life, and recall her grace of manner and culture of mind, her sweet humility of spirit and her ability and readiness to serve, the rebellious "why" will spring to our lips. But He only doeth all things well. This we know although we can not always understand. We cherish the memory of her faithful service as a fresh inspiration to endeavor.

Soon after the meeting in Richmond, Miss Habenicht asked to be relieved of the duty of Thank-Offering Secretary, and Miss Constance Cline was appointed to that office. After Miss Habenicht's death, Miss Lottie Wyse, of Columbia, S. C., was appointed a mem-

ber of the Literature Committee, and Mrs. J. G. Bringman, of Roanoke, Va., was asked to act as Reporting Treasurer.

THE GENERAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The work of this committee has expanded to an almost embarrassing extent and the members have been severely overtaxed. The work and needs of this important committee will be presented in detail by the Secretary of the Committee.

THE THANK-OFFERING FUND.

This special fund should be continued as a special feature of our work. To some of our women the frequent use of the little Thank-Offering box makes a strong appeal. For each and every one of us, however, the Thank-Offering should have a definite place in our religious life. No more do we need to approach our God through the medium of the sin offering. He asks only the humble and contrite heart, but our thank-offerings we should continue to lay at his feet in token of our acceptance of the supreme offering made on Calvary, and in appreciation of the daily evidences of His continued love and care.

At our last meeting a resolution was passed that the home mission part of this offering be for United Synod home missions. This has never been carried into effect. Shall we continue to ignore it, or is it best to leave this to the synodical societies?

It is suggested that the foreign mission half of this fund should be used in the support of our young women missionaries.

WORK OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD.

The Woman's Department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* has been conducted as heretofore by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps. The advisory editorial board will doubtless be able to suggest plans for the future of this important department of our work.

OUR RELATION TO THE WORK OF OTHER BOARDS.

During the past two years numerous communications have come to us concerning the work of the various interdenominational conferences and committees of mission workers. Most of these have not been answered because your President had no authority from the Conference to act in the name of the Conference. It would perhaps be well for the Conference to take some action on this point so in future your officers may know what to reply to such overtures.

A FORWARD GLANCE.

As we look forward our missionary horizon seems to be "full of a number of things." Are we happy in the prospect of the greater work that lies before us, or do we shrink with misgiving when we remember our frailty and our weakness? Let us take as a thought for the coming years the lesson of giving and withholding.

"There is a sea which day by day
Receives the rippling rills
And streams which flow from the wells of God
Or spring from cedared hills,
But what it thus receives it gives
With glad, unsparing hand;
And a stream more wide, with a deeper tide,
Pours out to a lower land.
But does it lose by giving? Nay;
Its shores and beauty see—
The life and health and bounteous wealth
Of Galilee.

"There is a sea which day by day
Receives a fuller tide,
But all its store it keeps, nor gives
To shore nor sea beside.
What gains its grasping greed! Behold
Barrenness round its shore!
Its fruits of lust but apples of dust,
Rotten from rind to core.
Its Jordan waters, turned to brine,
Lie heavy as molten lead,
And its awful name doth ever proclaim
That sea is Dead!"

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary and Reporting Treasurer was read and ordered printed in the minutes.

Report of Corresponding Secretary and Reporting Treasurer, October, 1910, to October, 1912.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	51
Membership	1,200

Young People's Societies	24
Children's Societies	35
Total contributions	$10,000

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	13
Total contributions	$ 1,200

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	66
Children's Societies	55
Young People's Societies	19
Total contribtuions	$10,000

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	30
Membership	500
Children's Societies	15
Membership	378
Total contributions	$ 3,000

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	13
Membership	198
Children's Societies	3
Total contributions	$ 1,000

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	19
Children's Societies	6
Young People's Societies	2
Total contributions	$ 1,370 14

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Woman's Societies	17
Total contributions	$443 92

The time for adjournment was set for 12:30 p. m.

Mrs. J. E. Shenk was appointed organist for the Conference.

The report of the General Literature Committee was read and referred to the proper committee.

Report of General Literature Committee.

Your Committee has deeply realized two things during the past biennium—the importance of the work entrusted to us and our inability to meet, as should be met, the splendid opportunities presented. While we have tried to be faithful to our trust, we can but realize that we have fallen far short of doing what might have been done with better equipment and more systematized work.

During the year the call to one of our members to "come up higher" has brought deep personal bereavement and genuine loss to our committee. We wish to put on record our appreciation of the life and work of Miss Amelia Habenicht, who entered into life on March 31, 1912. It was a blessed privilege to have been associated with her in the work, and we feel keenly our great loss. Her unselfish consecration and Christlike spirit have bequeathed to this work, in which she was so much interested, a rich heritage.

Miss Lottie Wyse, of Columbia, S. C., was appointed by the President to serve on the committee until the meeting of this Conference.

Inasmuch as our work is practically in its infancy we take the headings of this report from those of the report of a similar committee of a much larger and older body in order that they may be suggestive along the line of enlargement.

WORK AT LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS.

In the past two years the work has grown greatly. The number of pieces of literature printed in the preceding biennium has been increased ten times in the report of this biennium. While the mailing of the literature has been no slight task, that which involves most labor has been the compiling of material, the preparation of manuscripts, and the answering of inquiries. We are glad to be, as far as possible, a bureau of missionary information, and wish to encourage these inquiries and make plans for more satisfactory work along this line.

Some idea of the extent of this work may be gained from the fact that about 3,500 communications have been received during the biennium.

EQUIPMENT.

The equipment owned at this time by the committee consists of one rubber stamp, one jar of paste and one ink pad. This suggests the fine desk courtesies of the Laymen's Movement and the generosity of Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, in giving storage room.

However, that stage of our work is past when the imports of the individual members of our committee are sufficient to furnish wrapping paper and twine for the committee's exports and larger plans must be made. The Lutheran Board of Publication has generously offered an office room in the new Publication building and arrangements should be made for the equipment needed.

SALARIES.

No salaries have been paid during the biennium and no traveling expenses of representatives in attending conventions. All manuscripts printed have been donated by the authors.

MONTHLY MEETING DEPARTMENT IN MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

This heading suggests a need that is being generally felt. If it were possible to have, each month, more material on the subject for study, printed in a missionary magazine our progress might be greatly enriched. The *Lutheran Church Visitor* has been more than generous in the space allowed the Woman's Department every week, it being the exception rather than the rule to find only the one page promised us, but inasmuch as the young people have one issue each month for their programs, and the other material received by the editor for publication is almost sufficient for the other three issues, very little space can be given to program material for the Woman's Societies. We are impressed with the need for the publication of articles and suggestions along the outline of the year's study.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

No special provision has been made for literature for the Young People's Societies, further than the publication of several leaflets. What the missionary work of tomorrow is depends, humanly speaking, on the training of the young people of today. Arrangements should be made to supply the young people with literature adapted to their needs. This is one department of the work that should receive special attention during the next biennium.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Since our last meeting the work of supplying the Children's Societies with programs and leaflets has been undertaken. Programs for 1911 and 1912 have been issued and furnished to all the Children's societies asking for them. Ten thousand little red boxes have been sent out and a similar number of illustrated letters.

Children's literature for 1913 will be ready to be mailed in a few days.

THANK OFFERING DEPARTMENT.

Five thousand Thank Offering boxes have been printed and most of them sent out since the last Conference. A "Letter of Introduction," explaining the purpose of the Thank Offering has been printed and a copy sent with each box.

MISSION STUDY.

A new item appears in our report for this biennium—Mission Study text-books. We have had more calls for Mission Study text-books in the last sixty days than in the preceding four years. This department of the work promises great enlargement.

LEAFLETS PRINTED.

During the biennium 168,000 pieces of literature have been printed. Of these 92,500 were leaflets from original manuscripts; 68,000 were reprints; 6,500 were programs, and 1,000 were music sheets. 1,100 leaflets from other boards have been circulated.

That the work will continue to increase in the next biennium is already assured inasmuch as there are now in press 164,000 leaflets not included in this report. The following new publications have been printed, from original manuscripts:

When the Master Came, My Christmas Thank Offering, On the Other Side, A Cluster of American Beauties, A Letter of Introduction, Sentence Prayers for Missionary Societies, Power Through Prayer, Prayer Quotations, A Contrast, Woman's Work for Woman, From the Women of the East to the Women of the West, Twelve Hours With the Master, Missionary in His World Field, Little Snow Drop, Jesus and the Children, The Why and How of Interesting Children in Mission Work, Sentence Prayers for Children's Missionary Societies, What the Nickel and the Dime Had to Say About It, Penny Sad and Penny Glad, Constitution of Children's Junior Missionary Societies, Invitation to the Week of Prayer Services, What, Could Ye Not Watch With Me One Hour? The Message That Was Sent, Christian Settlement Work, Planting Two Flags, In the Light of Bethlehem's Star, The Easter Message, Christmas Pictures, All the Children of the World, Jesus the Light of World, Jesus the Great Physician, Jesus the Compassionate Friend, Jesus in a Corrupt Church, Jesus' Promise of Power, Jesus' Call to Service, Jesus in His Homeland, Jesus the

Teacher Come from God, Jesus' Work for Individuals, Jesus the Lamb of God, Jesus the King Victorious, A World-Wide Christmas Message, Plain Questions With Bible Answers, With Christ in the School of Prayer, The Fast Accepted by God, The Broken Alabaster Box, A Finished Redemption—An Unfinished Task, Tests of Discipleship, Is it Fair, The Idol With an Apron, The Message of Her Rosary, Some Immigrants I Have Known Sowing Prayers in America—Reaping Souls in India, Strangers Within Our Gates.

Reprints of the following have been made:

Women and Mission Power, What is in Thine Hand, The Third Prayer, The Diary of One Member for last year, Power Through Prayer, A Cluster of American Beauties, The King's Highway, The Zenana, The Touch of Human Hands, What Jesus Said, The Ringing Bells, A Plea for the Twelve, Not One Cent, He Bore the Cross, My Christmas Thank Offering, Internal Revenue, The Ideal Ambassador, The Second Mile.

COOPERATION WITH THE GENERAL COUNCIL SOCIETIES.

The one thing that has, more than any other, made possible the large literature supplies furnished our societies is the cooperation with the General Council Societies, who have for three years placed with us large orders for programs and leaflets. We feel that nothing has been lost by this cooperation and much has been gained. Aside from the fact that the large editions have greatly reduced the cost per thousand of all our publications, it has given to our literature a circulation so far beyond the greatest expectation of our committee that we can scarcely realize the extent of its influence. The programs are now being translated into both Swedish and German.

COOPERATIVE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Another marked enlargement of the work since our last convention has come through the Cooperative Literature Committee composed of representatives from the United Synod, the General Synod and the General Council. A report of this work will be submitted to the Conference.

UNITED SYNOD SERVICE BOOKS.

The transfer of the United Service books from the Southwestern Virginia Committee to the General Literature Committee was effected on September 18, 1910, in accordance with instructions given the committee at Richmond.

This service book was the first step toward a common literature for our societies, and it is impossible to estimate its influence. The names of its editors, Mrs. L. A. Fox, and Mrs. M. S. Evans, are the names that stand first in the effort to supply an adequate literature for our United Synod Societies.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of $24.20 which the Southwestern Virginia Convention gave from their Service Book Fund to the work of our committee.

EXHIBITS.

Another new feature of the work has been the furnishing of literature exhibits for various Lutheran and interdenominational conventions. As a result of these exhibits and the sending out of sample copies of publications we have received from other denominations large orders for literature.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the thanks of this Conference be given to Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, who has stored for us a large quantity of literature.

2. That the thanks of this Conference be given the Lutheran Board of Publication for the storage of literature and for other courtesies, and that their offer of office room in their new building be accepted with hearty thanks.

3. That the Board of Foreign Missions be asked to furnish 10,000 little red boxes for use in the Children's Societies.

4. That the thanks of this Conference be given to Mr. M. L. Farrell, the manager of the printing department of the Lutheran Board of Publication, who, by his personal interest in our work, combined with his fine artistic ability, has issued our leaflets in unusually attractive form, and who has given much more than good measure of business courtesy in aiding the committee.

STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE.

Receipts from September 1, 1910, to November 1, 1912.

Sale of Programs	$ 372 85
Sale of Leaflets of our own publication	422 08
Sale of Leaflets of other Boards	32 12
United Services	50 40
Postcards	4 75
Birthday boxes	5 42
Program packets	10 95
Junior Program Packets	12 69

Literature appropriations	114 20
Text-books	37 80
Mission Study Helps	2 95
Music sheets	2 00
Subscriptions to *Everyland*	50
From Miss Habenicht's account	5 45
	$1,073 64

Disbursements from September 1, 1910, to November 1, 1912.

Postage	$ 73 42
Other Boards for Leaflets	36 29
Printing	141 85
Miss Habenicht on Literature sales	646 80
Stationery and mailing supplies	8 60
Postoffice box rent	8 00
Express	8 07
Text-books	58 27
United Services	59 09
Drayage	2 45
Charts	8 66
Telephone call	35
Birthday boxes	75
Subscription to *Everyland*	40
Mission Study Helps	2 53
Copyright	1 03
Cuts	90
Music plates	6 00
Total	$1,063 75
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1912	$ 9 89

Inasmuch as during part of the biennium some of the moneys passed through the hands of both the Treasurer and the Secretary of Literature, the following totals on such items are given:

Total receipts from sale of literature	$ 953 51
Total receipts from appropriations	410 55

Total Disbursements.

Printing	$ 967 59
Other Boards for Leaflets	106 91
Express	10 82
United Services	75 34

Postage	102 81
Mailing supplies	14 65

Mrs. E. C. CRONK, Sec'y of Literature.

Visitors from the Birmingham mission were welcomed, and a report of the mission work in that city was read to the Conference.

The President appointed the following committees:

On President's Report—Mrs. R. L. Patterson, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Miss Louie Bible.

On Report of the General Literature Committee—Mrs. J. H. Harms, Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Miss Helen I. Schmidt.

On Report of Editorial Board—Miss Constance Cline, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. E. W. Leslie.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday, 2 p. m.

The Conference was opened with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, on the topic, "A Vision of God."

Mrs. Charles L. Fry, of Catasauqua, Pa., official delegate from the Woman's Federation of the General Council, delivered the greetings of the body she represented.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk, official delegate from this Conference to the General Council Federation, made a verbal report.

The report of the Editorial Board was submitted by Mrs. J. H. Harms.

REPORT OF EDITORIAL BOARD.

Your Board held a meeting in January, 1911, in Columbia S. C. Plans for increasing the efficiency of the Woman's Department in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* were discussed. By invitation Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, was present at the meeting. Inasmuch as the conviction that the editor of the Woman's Department should receive financial compensation for her work was general, and inasmuch as this Conference handles no funds with which such compensation could be made, the secretary was instructed to address a communication to the Board of Publication, requesting them, if they saw fit, to appropriate $120 per annum for this purpose.

The President of the Board of Publication reported that his board could not grant this request.

The Board of Publication has been most generous in the space given to the Woman's Department, but although they almost regularly give us more than the page promised each week, we realize the need for the publication of more missionary information, and believing that the missionary interests of the entire United Synod can be promoted by securing the cooperation of all of the missionary agencies in the production, support and maintenance of a monthly magazine for the United Synod, we recommend:

That this Conference appoint a committee to confer with the Board of Home Missions, the Board of Foreign Missions and the Laymen's Missionary Movement, with a view to the establishment of such a magazine, and that the said committee have power to act.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps,
Mrs. J. H. Harms,
Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

The report was received and recommendation, discussed, and adopted.

The Committee on Constitution reported and same was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The program for the afternoon was taken up and the following "Just How Papers" were read: "How to Have a Successful Missionary Society in a Country Church," Miss Louie Bible, Greeneville, Tenn. "How a Busy Girl may Help Her Pastor." Miss Helen Schmidt, Richmond, Va. "How to Interest the Children in Mission Work," Mrs. J. Henry Harms, Newberry, S. C. "How to Keep the Young People Interested," Miss Constance Cline, Concord, N. C.

The Conference adjourned with prayer led by Rev. W. H. Riser.

THIRD SESSION.

Thursday, 9:15 a. m.

The first hour was devoted to a Mission Study class in "China's New Day."

A devotional service, on the topic, "A Vision of the World," was led by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

The minutes of preceding session were read and adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Officers of Conference.

President—Mrs. W. F. Morehead.
First Vice President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.
Second Vice President—Mrs. R. L. Patterson.
Third Vice President—Mrs. E. C. Cronk.
Fourth Vice President—Mrs. W. J. Lintz.
Fifth Vice President—Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher.
Recording Secretary—Miss Constance Cline.
Corresponding and Statistical Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Harms.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman presented some needs of our Orphan Home.

It was voted that the Report of the Editorial Board be recommitted for amendment.

The Report of the Thank Offering Secretary was read and received.

Report of the Executive Committee was read, received and considered item by item.

Report of Executive Committee.

Various informal meetings of the Executive Committee have been held during the biennium. A formal meeting was held November 12, 1912, at which the following action was taken:

1. Inasmuch as our work needs to be more thoroughly systematized we recommend that the following general officers be elected, whose duty it shall be to develop the work of their respective departments in cooperation with the officers in charge of similar departments of the synodical conventions:

Secretary of Young People's work.
Secretary of Children's work.
Secretary of Mission Study.
Secretary of Life Membership.

When these departments are added to those which we already have, the literature and the thank offering, the efficiency of our work will be greatly increased.

2. Inasmuch as the work of the Literature Committee has expanded to such an extent that adequate quarters are essential to satisfactory handling of supplies, and inasmuch as the Lutheran Board of Publication has generously tendered us, free of cost, a room in the new Publication building, therefore be it resolved:

That we accept this offer gratefully and authorize the committee to establish here a central office. We recommend also that the sum of ten ($10) dollars, as a minimum, a month be allowed the Literature Committee for needed clerical work, this amount to be paid from the general expense fund if in hand, if not, any deficit to be supplied by the Synodical Societies.

3. That, in case we send out the young women missionaries, we undertake as soon as practicable the erection of a home for them in Japan to be known as the Amelia Habenicht Home, and that the money contributed for the Bible Woman's Annex be used as a foundation for this fund.

4. We request each synodical Corresponding Secretary to send to the Conference Secretary a copy of minutes of her society each year as soon as published.

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD, President.
MRS. J. G. BRINGMAN, Secretary.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, adopted. Report adopted as a whole.

The report of Committee on President's Report was received and considered item by item.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The report of our President gives evidence of her faithful and intelligent attention to official duties and to her earnest and tireless devotion to the causes. We are due her grateful appreciation and ready cooperation in advancing the work.

1. We would note the communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, and suggest the same for discussion and action of the Conference.

2. We recommend further that the Foreign share of the Thankoffering be used in the support of our women missionaries to be sent out by the Board of Foreign Missions, and that this Conference discuss and decide whether the Home share shall be used for Synodical Home Missions or for the Board of Home Missions of the United Synod, as recommended at our last meeting.

3. We recommend that our President be duly authorized and empowered to answer all communications addressed to her, according to her judgment and the demands of the occasion. We suggest that her final message of unselfish giving be made the grand keynote of this biennium of service.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. L. PATTERSON.
MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MISS LOUIE BIBLE.

Item 1. Adopted.

As an expression of gratitude for the privilege of supporting the two women missionaries to be sent out, the Conference arose and sang, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Item 2. Recommendation that the Foreign Mission half of Thank-offering be used in support of women missionaries, adopted.

The recommendation that the Home Mission half be appropriated according to the discretion of the different conventions was adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Report adopted as a whole.

The noonday prayer service was conducted by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

Benediction by Rev. J. E. Shenk.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, on the topic, "A Vision of Service."

Instead of the study class on China, Miss Wu, a Chinese young lady, who is being educated in America, gave to the Conference some very interesting facts concerning the customs and changes in China.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and adopted.

A motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint three women as an Advisory Board to consult with the Board of Foreign Missions as requested.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman was elected delegate to represent this body at the meeting of General Council Convention, to be held in Toledo, O.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps was elected delegate to represent this body at the meeting of the General Synod Convention to be held in York, Pa.

The report of Committee on General Literature Committee's Report was read.

Report of Committee on Report of General Literature Committee.

The report of your Literature Committee which has come into our hands is a complete review of the work in literature, which has been done by our Conference in the last biennium. We feel proud of what has been accomplished by this committee. We can not help but rejoice in the widespread use that is being made by other bodies of literature that is prepared in our territory. We recommend:

1. That a rising vote of thanks be given Mrs. E. C. Cronk for her efficient, intelligent and self-sacrificing efforts in creating and distributing our literature.

2. That the thanks of this Conference be given to Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, who at much personal inconvenience has stored for us a large quantity of literature.

3. That the thanks of our Conference be given the Board of Publication for the storage of literature and for other courtesies and that we accept with many thanks their offer of office room in their new building.

4. That the Board of Foreign Missions be asked to furnish 10,000 little red boxes for use in the Children's Societies.

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Mrs. J. H. Harms,
Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin,
Miss Helen I. Schmidt.

Report was considered and adopted by items and then as a whole.

The report of Cooperative Literature Committee was reaceived and ordered printed in the minutes.

Report of Cooperative Literature Committee.

At our meeting held in Richmond, Va., September 8, and 9, 1910, the first steps were taken looking to cooperation between the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod, the General Council and the United Synod in the South, in the production of missionary literature.

The General Synod Society, at its meeting in Louisville, Ky., May 9-12, 1911, indorsed this action and appointed Mrs. Charles E. Hay as its representative.

The General Council Federation at its organization meeting at Lancaster, Pa., took similar action and appointed Mrs. Charles L. Fry to serve as its representative.

The committee thus appointed held its first meeting in Philadelphia on April 17, 1912, the three members being present.

The work was begun in prayer with a deep realization of its importance.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk was made chairman and Mrs. Charles E. Hay, Secretary.

The cooperative imprint was adopted as follows: "Published by the Cooperative Literature Committee of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Lutheran church, (General Synod, General Council, United Synod in the South)." Each body is to add the address of its literature headquarters.

Agreement was reached as to basis for publication of literature and many important plans were discussed.

The following leaflets have been published: "Will You Form a Class?" "The Ringing Bells."

A "Book of Exercises and Recitations" is now in press, also nine leaflets in a "Lutheran Facts Series."

It is impossible to estimate the far reaching possiblities of this cooperation. MRS. E. C. CRONK.

The department of Life Membership was presented to the Conference and the following members secured:

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

Miss Constance Cline, Concord, N. C.
Mrs. J. A. Cline, Concord, N. C.
Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. W. J. Boger, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Miss C. A. Goerz, Savannah, Ga.
Mrs. J. H. Harms, Newberry, S. C.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send the greetings of the Conference to Mrs. L. A. Fox, Mrs. M. S Evans, Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, Mrs. Kate Eargle, and to our missionaries in Japan.

At 3:30 p. m., the special program for the hour was followed, and a letter from Mrs. C. E. Weltner on Inner Mission work was read, after which the business session was continued.

The report of the Editorial Board, having been recommitted, the following recommendation was added:

We recommend that the committee be instructed to continue the present arrangement or make other satisfactory arrangement with the *Lutheran Church Visitor,* until the proposed missionary journal be established, or until the next meeting of this Conference, in case it be deemed unwise to publish such a journal.

The recommendation was adopted.

A demonstration, "How Not to Do It," was effectively rendered.

The Conference was dismissed with the benediction by Dr. Harms.

FIFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

The following program was given. Hymn, "Lead Kindly Light"; devotional service, Rev. R. L. Patterson; greetings to the Conference from the United Synod, by the President, Dr. J. A. Morehead; address by Mrs. C. L. Fry, of Catasauqua, Pa.; Hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"; address by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps; solo, "Fear Ye Not, O Israel," Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin; offering.

The closing devotional period was conducted by Mrs. Cronk, on the topic, "How to Incarnate the Vision."

The President announced the following appointments:

Literature Committee—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Editor and Secretary of Literature; Miss Lottie Wyse, Miss Eva Grieshaber, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. J. H. Harms.

Editorial Board—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs J. H. Harms.

Thank-offering Secretary—Miss Helen I. Schmidt.

Secretary of Young People's Work—Miss Constance Cline.

Secretary of Children's Work—Mrs. J. H. Harms.

Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Boger.

Mission Study Secretary—Miss Annie Milne.

Advisory Board to Board of Foreign Missions—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. R. L. Patterson, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report:

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. That we express to the people of the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga., our sincere appreciation of the kind hospitality extended to us while in their midst.

2. That we thank most heartily the pastor and people of the Central Presbyterian church for the use of their church for our sessions.

3. That we tender to Mrs. Charles L. Fry our grateful thanks for her kind words of greeting and encouragement.

4. That we most heartily thank Miss Wu for giving us such an insight into the life of China.

5. That we thank the Atlanta press for the courtesies shown us.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. W. LESLIE,
MRS. J. G. BRINGMAN,
MISS CONSTANCE CLINE.

The Convention was then formally closed according to the regular order by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

Benediction by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D.

MRS. W. J. BOGER, Acting Secretary

MRS. E. C. CRONK, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Association shall be the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

Its object shall be:

1. To advance, in every way possible, the supreme work of the Church in preaching the Gospel to every creature.

2. To unite all the Women's Synodical Societies in the United Synod for mutual strengthening and furthering of the work.

3. To cooperate with the Boards of Missions and Church Extension, and to unify the work of executing all the missionary undertakings of the woman's societies through the United Synod and its District Synods.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

The voting membership of this Conference shall consist of the officers, the department secretaries, and one member from each Synodical Society for every ten auxiliary societies in its membership. Where there is no Synodical Society, the societies in the synod shall be entitled to representation on the same basis, and the President of the Synod shall be asked to name the delegates.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The elective officers shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding and Statistical Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by ballot at each convention.

The Presidents of the Synodical Societies in the order of the organization of said societies shall be the Vice Presdents of this body.

ARTICLE V.—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officers of the Conference, together with the secretaries of all departments, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall direct the affairs of the Conference

between sessions, and shall meet annually at the call of the President.

Special meetings may be held at the call of five members.

Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI—ELECTIONS.

The officers shall be elected by ballot at the Biennial Convention and shall be formally introduced to the Conference at the closing session and shall assume the duties of their office at the close of the session.

ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS.

A meeting shall be held biennially at or near the time and place of the meeting of the United Synod.

ARTICLE VIII—FINANCES.

The Conference shall neither receive nor disburse the missionary funds of the societies, but shall direct that they be sent through the regular channels.

The Treasurer of the Conference shall be authorized to receive only the moneys given for the current expense fund of this Conference.

A contribution of $5 a year from each Synodical Society having less than 1,000 members and $10 a year from each Synodical Society having over 1,000 shall be asked for, to create and maintain a current expense fund.

Voluntary gifts from individuals or from local societies to this fund may be received by the Treasurer.

Any person contributing $10 to this fund shall be enrolled as a life member of the conference.

The single payment of $25 in memory of a friend shall constitute a membership "In Memoriam."

ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Conference by vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that such alteration or amendment has been proposed at a previous meeting and has been published in the Church papers two months before the meeting.

By-Laws.

ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President shall preside at all sessions of the Conference, shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and shall call a special session at the request of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II—VICE PRESIDENT.

The Vice President, in order, shall in the absence of the President, perform all the duties of the office, and cooperate with the President in furthering the general work.

ARTICLE III—RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and prepare same for publication. She shall also give notice of all the conventions in the Church papers six weeks in advance.

ARTICLE IV—CORRESPONDING AND STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

The Corresponding and Statistical Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and collect all statistics of the Synodical Societies and report the same annually to the Executive Committee, and to the Conference at its biennial meeting.

ARTICLE V—TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall acknowledge all funds received and disburse them by signed order from the chairman of the Executive Committee.

She shall present a written statement of her receipts and disbursements annually to the Executive Committee and to the Conference at its biennial meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

Department Secretaries shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at each Conference, for developing different lines of special work. The Secretary of the work in each department shall cooperate with the secretaries of the same work in each of the Synodical Societies.

ARTICLE VII.—LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

A General Literature Committee of five shall be appointed by the

Executive Committee at the biennial conference to publish and provide the literature needed.

The Secretary or Chairman of each synodical literature committee shall be an advisory member of this committee.

ARTICLE VIII—EDITOR OF WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

An editor-in-chief for the Woman's Department of the *Visitor*, or for such other editorial work as may be recommended by the Conference, shall be elected at each meeting of the Conference. She shall be empowered to choose such assistants as she may need in her work.

ARTICLE IX—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by a two-thirds vote at any regular convention.

STATISTICS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH

REV. A G. VOIGT, D.D., Dean

Location	Columbia, S. C.
Term begins	Third Wednesday in September
Term ends	First Wednesday in May
Volumes in Library	5,000
Faculty—	
Number of Professors	3
Number of Assistants	1
Total	4
Capacity—	
Students	25
Enrollment of Students (Last two years)—	
Matriculated	13
Graduated	9
In attendance, class of first year	6
In attendance, class of second year	7
In attendance, class of third year	8
Total number in attendance	21
Enrollment by Synods—	
North Carolina Synod	8
Tennessee Synod	6
South Carolina Synod	3
Virginia Synod	1
Southwestern Virginia Synod	1
Mississippi Synod	
Georgia Synod	2
Holston Synod	
Finances During Biennium (1910-1912)—	
Bequests	$ 6,000
Gifts in cash	800
Gifts in kind	350
Present Endowment	41,000

STATISTICS OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD

PROF. J. T. CRABTREE, Superintendent

Location	Salem, Va.
When Established	1888
Inmates—	
Teachers and Assistants	8
Male Children	49
Female Children	59
Total in Home	116
Additions in two years	20
Losses During Biennium (1910-1912)—	
By Death	
Otherwise	12
Estimated Value of All Property	$40,000
Finances for Biennium (1910-1912)—	
Gifts in kind	$ 1,300
Gifts in cash	13,826
Bequests	1,453
Total receipts	16,579

MISSIONS SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

No. of Missions	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	District Synod	Pastor	Appropriations by the Board			
						For Lot	For Building	Support for Two Years	Total
1	Greeneville	....	Tennessee	Holston	J. G. Graichen	$.....	$.....	$ 600 00	$ 600 00
2	Morristown	....	Tennessee	Holston	J. G. Graichen	.....	.....	*	*
3	Bristol	....	Tennessee-Virginia	S. W. Virginia		.....	.....	500 00	500 00
4	Bluefield	....	West Virginia	S. W. Virginia	K. Y. Umberger	.....	.....	500 00	500 00
5	Graham	....	Virginia	S. W. Virginia	K. Y. Umberger	.....	.....	*	*
6	Spartanburg	....	South Carolina	South Carolina	S. T. Hallman	.....	.....	265 00	265 00
7	Olympia Mills	....	South Carolina	South Carolina	C. E. Weltner	.....	.....	400 00	400 00
8	Greensboro	....	North Carolina	North Carolina	J. E. Shenk	.....	.....	1500 00	1500 00
9	Lenoir	....	North Carolina	Tennessee	J. F. Deal	.....	.....	800 00	800 00
10	St. Petersburg	....	Florida	Georgia	H. J. Mathias	.....	.....	200 00	200 00
11	Lakeland	....	Florida	Georgia	H. J. Mathias	.....	1000 00	.....	1000 00
12	Birmingham	....	Alabama	Georgia	E. H. Copenhaver	.....	.....	600 00	600 00
13	Greenville	....	South Carolina	South Carolina	C. L. Miller	5000 00	.....	262 50	5262 50
	13 Misions		7 States	6 Synods	9 Pastors	$5000 00	$1000 00	$5627 50	$11627 50

*Appropriation for salary includes both missions in the amount stated above.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

No. of Mission	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	No. of Members	S. S. Members	Church Lots	Church Houses	Parsonages	Value of the Church Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Woman's Memorial	1907	High Point, N. C.	M. L. Canup	77	134	1	1	...	$10500	....	$ 243	$ 243
2	St. Mark's	1907	Mooresville, N. C.	I. E. Long	62	89	1	1	...	6000	....	.....	.....
3	First Church	1910	Landis, N. C.	B. S. Brown	70	234	1	1	1	2500	....	200	200
4	Concordia	1882	Saw, N. C.	B. S. Brown	100	82	1	1	1	2000	....	*	*
5	Christ Church	1870	E. Spencer, N. C.	Geo. H. Cox	86	130	1	1	1	3500	....	200	200
6	Calvary	1905	Spencer, N. C.	Geo. H. Cox	30	48	1	...	...	350	....	*	*
7	First Church	1905	Lexington, N. C.	V. Y. Boozer	76	69	1	1	1	11500	....	243	243
8	Grace	1911	Thomasville, N. C.	V. Y. Boozer	24	....	1	...	...	1000	....	100	100
9	St Andrew's	1893	Concord, N. C.	S. A. Zimbeck	61	130	1	1	1	5000	....	75	75
10	Mt. Hermon	1881	Cabarrus Co., N. C.	S. A. Zimbeck	84	67	1	1	...	600	....	*	*
11	Lebanon	1893	Barber, N. C.	Vacant	69	86	1	1	1	2500	....	150	150
12	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C.	Vacant	38	....	1	1	...	545	....	*	*
13	St. Matthew's	1847	Mocksville, N. C.	Vacant	47	26	1	1	...	900	....	*	*
14	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hall, N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	100	80	1	1	1	1800	....	154	154
15	Bethany	1889	Stokes Co., N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	31	70	1	1	...	800	....	*	*
16	Shiloh	1777	Forsyth Co., N. C.	J. A. L. Miller	46	41	1	1	...	1000	....	*	*
17	Liberty	1911	Liberty, N. C.	J. L. Morgan	15	....	..	...	...	.....	....	1400	1400
18	Raleigh	1911	Raleigh, N. C.	J. L. Morgan	22	....	..	...	...	.....	....	*	*
	18 Missions		10 Pastorates	8 Pastors	1038	1286	16	14	7	$50495	....	$2765	$2765

HOME MISSIONS OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD

1	Brunswick	1907	Brunswick, Ga.	T. B. Epting	29	20	11	1	...	$12600	....	$1000	$1000
2	Lakeland	1911	Lakeland, Fla.	H. J. Mathias	25	40	1	1	...	.....	....	1000	1000
3	St. Petersburg	1911	St. Petersburg, Fla.	H. J. Mathias	27	....	..	...	...	.....	....	*	*
	3 Misions			2 Pastors	81	60	2	2	...	$12600	....	$2000	$2000

*Appropriation for salary includes both missions in the amount stated above.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD

No. of Missions	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	No. of Members	S. S. Members	Church Lots	Church Houses	Parsonages	Value of the Church Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Immanuel	1902	Greenwood, S. C.	J. D. Kinard	47	40	1	1	...	$ 6500	....	$ 650	$ 650
2	Mayer Memorial	....	Newberry, S. C.	E. C. Witt	189	174	1	1	...	3900	....	135	135
3	St. Luke's	1902	Columbia, S. C.	C. E. Weltner	97	170	1	1	1	6000	....	500	500
4	St. James'	....	Sumter, S. C.	Vacant	40	49	1	1	...	4000	....	300	300
5	Mt. Pleasant	....	Saluda, S. C.	Vacant	46	49	1	1	1	2850	....	200	200
6	First Church	....	Greenville, S. C.	C. L. Miller	60	64	1	...	1	10000	....	120	120
7	Fairfax Pastorate	1906	Fairfax, S. C.	W. B. Aull	95	80	3	3	1	5000	....	300	300
8	Holy Trinity	....	Brookland, S. C.	Vacant	....	....			...	.....	....	35	35
9	St. Barnabas	....	Charleston, S. C.	Vacant	....	....	1	1	...	.....	....	.....	.....
10	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C.	S. T. Hallman	47	50	1	1	...	12500	....	.....	.....

HOME MISSIONS OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD

1	Gap Creek	1897	Watauga Co., N. C.	J. A. Yount	13	....	1	...	1	$ 75	....	$ 400	$ 400
2	Mt. Pleasant	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	J. A. Yount	67	39	1	1	...	1300	....	*	*
3	Mt. Zion	1896	Watauga Co., N. C.	J. A. Yount	24	34	1	1	...	775	....	*	*
4	Holy Communion	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	J. A. Yount	43	28	1	1	...	800	....	*	*
5	Blowing Rock	1904	Watauga Co., N. C.	J. A. Yount	19	25	1	1	...	800	....	*	*
6	Morning Star	....	Union Co., N. C.	W. A. Deaton	40	25	1	1	1	1500	....	250	250
7	St. Luke's	....	Union Co., N. C.	W. A. Deaton	24	30	1	1	...	6000	....	*	*
8	Immanuel	....	Davidson Co., N. C.	A. L. Boliek	73	....	1	1	...	600	....	.....	.....
9	Lenoir	1908	Caldwell Co., N. C.	J. F. Deal	50	....	1	1	...	5000	400	.....	400
10	Bethany	1908	Catawba Co. N. C.	W. A. Deaton	50	125	1	1	...	1200	....	200	200
11	Calvary	1910	Burke Co., N. C.	W. A. Deaton	25	28	1	1	...	1200	....	200	200
12	St. Matthew's	1911	Caldwell Co., N. C.	A. L. Boliek	34	75	1	1	...	900	....	.....	.....
13	Bethel	....	Manassas, Va.	Vacant	67	60	1	1	1	5500	....	315	315
14	Trinity	....	Manassas, Va.	Vacant	25	41	1	1	...	700	....	*	*
	8 Missions			5 Pastors	554	510	14	13	3	$26350	$400	$1365	$1765

*Appropriation for salary includes both missions in the amount stated above.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD

No. of Missions	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	No. of Members	S. S. Members	Church Lots	Church Houses	Parsonages	Value of the Church Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Capon	....	Wardensville, W. Va...	H. E. H. Sloop	126	176	4	4	1	$ 4500	....	$ 150	$ 150
2	Muhlenburg	....	Harrisonburg, Va.	E. L. Folk	80	72	1	1	...	5000	....	490	490
3	Rockingham	....	Rockingham Co., Va....	G. E. Shuey	106	145	3	3	1	4200	....	100	100
4	Waynesboro	....	Waynesboro, Va....	J. F. Bruch	85	62	1	1	1	9000	....	100	100
5	Buena Vista	....	Buena Vista, Va.	J. F. Bruch	18	....	1	1	...	1500	....	.....	50
6	Luther Memorial	1908	Portsmouth, Va.	J. W. Shuey	81	57	1	1	1	15000	....	700	700
7	Trinity	....	Newport News, Va.	I. D. Worman	91	75	1	1	...	8000	....	400	400
	7 Missions			6 Pastors	587	587	12	12	4	$47200	....	$1940	$1940

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD

1	Church of Redeemer	1903	Bristol, Tenn.	Vacant	83	69	1	1	...	$12000	$150	$ 75	$ 225
2	Immanuel	1889	Bluefield, W. Va.	Rev. K. Y. Umberger...	48	56	1	1	1	8000	264	.....	264
3	Wartburg	1889	Graham, Va.	Rev. K. Y. Umberger...	44	68	1	1	...	3500	*	.....	*
4	Christ Church	1891	Radford, Va.	Vacant	59	51	1	1	...	4000	....	400	400
5	Woman's Memorial	1888	Pulaski, Va.	Vacant	72	59	1	1	1	6000	....	*	*
6	Holy Trinity	1903	Lynchburg, Va.	Rev. E. C. Cooper	72	50	1	1	1	10000	....	350	350
	6 Missions		4 Pastorates	2 Pastors	378	353	6	6	3	$43500	$414	$825	$1239

*Appropriation for salary includes both missions in the amount stated above.

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING NOVEMBER 12, 1912

No. of Missions	Stations	Native Population.	Churches						Forces in the Field						Schools							Membership				Finances	
			Preaching Places	Chapels Owned	Chapels Rented	Pastors' Homes	Mission Homes	Missionaries	Missionaries' Wives	Associate Missionaries	Associates' Wives	Native Pastors and Helpers	Total	Theological Seminary	Students	Kindergartens	Teachers	Scholars	Sunday Schools	Teachers and Officers	Scholars	Total in Schools	Infants Baptized in two years	Adults Baptized in two years	Enrolled Members	Resident Members	Given by the Missions	Appropriations by Board
1	Saga	30000	2	1	1											1	3	35	1					204			
2	Kumamoto	80000	3	1			1	1						1	5									82			
3	Omuta	25000	1			1																		50			
4	Hakata	75000	1																					66			
5	Kokura	30000	1													1	2	50						75			
6	Ogi	5000	1																					28			
7	Kurume	20000	1																					41			
7	Missions	265000	10	2	1	1	1	1	5	3	2	2	6	1	18	1	5	2	5	65	1	30	555	660	30	43	546	255	$736	$29800

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Index Number	DISTRICT SYNODS	When Organized	Ministers	Churches	Stations	Students for the Ministry	Catechumens
1	North Carolina	1803	52	72	2	21	1211
2	Tennessee	1820	52	142	3	12	1561
3	South Carolina	1824	51	84	....	3	620
4	Virginia	1829	34	59	....	1	330
5	Southwestern Virginia	1842	34	70	....	3	435
6	Mississippi	1855	4	12	....	1	71
7	*Georgia	1860	18	21	....	1	146
8	Holston	1861	7	25	....	....	205
	Total	....	252	485	5	42	4579

*Report of 1911.

Index Number	Losses			Accessions					Membership			
	By Death	By Certificate	Other Losses	Infant Baptism	Adult Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Restoration	Baptized Members	Confirmed Members	Total Membership	Increase Confir'd Members since last meeting United Synod
1	114	149	182	378	43	341	220	14	3766	9570	13336	593
2	175	186	156	564	....	427	214	....	6676	12376	19052	1313
3	177	240	136	399	30	321	300	7	3196	10860	14056	.....
4	80	68	17	144	142	164	137	17	844	6129	6973	63
5	52	32	44	79	61	56	85	3	1621	5230	6851	234
6	3	4	....	11	4	13	3	1	638	725	1363	.....
7	38	65	44	115	14	91	103	15	1613	3716	5329	157
8	18	8	....	40	....	60	....	....	700	1645	2345	40
	657	752	579	1730	324	1473	1062	57	19054	50251	69305	2400

Index Number	Finances				Sunday Schools		
	Decrease Confir'd Members since last meeting United Synod	Estimated Value of all Church Property	Indebtedness	All Local Expenses by Congregation	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars
1	.....	$ 442235 00	$ 28934 53	$ 44071 02	60	759	7880
2	.....	358935 00	.....	33807 75	88	855	7390
3	220	496588 00	28329 72	40331 06	74	759	6173
4	.....	419875 00	44673 67	37452 63	52	602	4837
5	.....	224715 00	10562 77	14961 25	60	623	4339
6	92	.....	.....	.....	9	43	326
7	.....	311850 00	16557 91	27365 23	.....	278	1915
8	.....	56500 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	312	$2310698 00	$ 129058 60	$197988 94	343	3919	32860

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Index Number	Sunday Schools: Local Expenses by the School	Sunday Schools: Benevolence by Schools	Y. P. & Chld'ns Societ's: No. of Members	Y. P. & Chld'ns Societ's: Local Expenses by the Societies	Y. P. & Chld'ns Societ's: Benevolence by the Societies	Benevolence: Synodical Treasury	Benevolence: Home Missions
1	$ 3951 99	$ 982 12	2085	$3497 08	$1787 37	$ 855 79	$1901 54
2	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1366 20	664 41
3	3723 11	.....	1066	1184 07	854 30	2873 44	1600 68
4	2912 94	1349 18	303	618 93	357 97	.....	.....
5	1425 43	368 89	250	458 57	365 61	104 93	1065 92
6	41 83	.....	....	.....	.....	100 06	.....
7	2084 08	657 12	814	325 96	665 83	723 64	1408 40
8	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$14139 38	$3359 31	4518	$6084 61	$4031 08	$6021 06	$6640 95

Index Number	Benevolence: Foreign Missions	Benevolence: Church Extension	Benevolence: Theological Seminary and Colleges	Benevolence: Ministerial Education	Benevolence: W. H. & F. M. Societies	Benevolence: Pastor's Fund	Benevolence: Orphan Home
1	$ 1602 31	$112 00	$ 834 86	$ 418 30	$2571 44	$ 8 08	$ 701 69
2	2264 30	.....	2236 38	1000 00	.....	264 00	584 95
3	3953 81	258 21	5245 65	1235 62	3216 86	56 40	1065 14
4	.....	.....	.....	.....	556 21	.....	.....
5	1880 35	139 93	1097 43	91 37	1329 96	71 83	567 94
6	27 47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
7	1357 50	112 59	127 07	70 50	543 49	197 02	168 25
8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$11185 74	$622 73	$9541 39	$2815 79	$8217 96	$597 33	$3093 01

Index Number	Benevolence: Aid Societies	Benevolence: External Objects	Total Local Expenses	Total Benevolence	Grand Total
1	$.....	$.....	$ 51520 09	$11775 50	$ 63295 59
2	.....	1355 40	.....	.....	.....
3	3010 75	2921 61	45238 24	26293 47	71531 71
4	1349 93	4456 48	40984 50	23708 97	64693 47
5	1120 48	.....	17965 73	7084 16	25049 89
6	.....	.....	41 83	132 53	174 36
7	450 13	1252 59	34628 43	7734 13	42362 56
8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$5931 29	$9986 08	$190378 82	$76728 76	$267107 58

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OF THE

Fourteenth Convention *of the* UNITED SYNOD *of the* Evangelical Lutheran Church *in the* South

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St. Paul's and Ebenezer Churches,
Columbia, S. C., November 10-13, 1914

INCLUDING

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Committee on Ministerial Support.

(To report at next meeting.)

Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, B. B. Miller, Esq., and Mr. R. G. Rhyne.

Committee on Work for the Negro Race.

(To report at next meeting.)

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Committee on Fraternal Cooperation.

(To report at next meeting.)

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Committee to Superintend Raising Quadri-Centennial Fund.

(To report at next meeting.)

Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., and Messrs. A. H. Snider and J. E. Cooper.

Standing Committee on Church Unity.

(See Report No. 39.)

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(See Report No. 26.)

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To General Synod—Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., and Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D.

To General Council—Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D., and Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Place—St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, N. C.

Time—1916. Month and day left with Executive Committee and Pastor loci.

MINUTES

of the

FOURTEENTH CONVENTION

of the

UNITED SYNOD

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbia, S. C., November 10, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m., and began the exercises of its Fourteenth regular session.

The Preparatory and Communion Services were conducted by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Scripture reading and Nicene Creed by Rev. S. T. Hallman, with the Synodical Sermon by Rev. J. A. Morehead.

The Holy Communion was administered to the members of Synod, Theological Students, and visiting ministers.

FIRST SESSION.

Tuesday, November 10, 1914, 12 M.

The Synod was opened by the use of the prescribed form, and the clerical and lay delegates enrolled.

Roll of Synod.

(No. 1.)

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—M. M. Kinard, D.D., V. Y. Boozer, C. P. MacLaughlin, E. A. Shenk, G. H. Cox, D.D., B. S. Brown, J. L. Morgan, A. G. Voigt, D.D., R. C. Holland, D.D., J. E. Shenk.

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a.—Absent.

TENNESSEE SYNOD—VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Clerical.—W. L. Darr, W. J. Finck, O. W. Aderholdt,
Lay.—C. O. Miller, M.D., E. M. Minnick, J. A. Coffman.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Clerical.—L. L. Lohr, Jno. D. Mauney, Enoch Hite, J. M. Senter, R. H. Cline (a), J. F. Deal.
Lay.—W. H. B. Lineberger, J. S. Goodman (a), R. G. Rhyne, C. N. Simpson (a), A. W. Huffman, J. M. Rhodes.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Clerical.—F. K. Roof, J. L. Cromer, J. A. Cromer.
Lay.—P. J. Wessinger, R. W. Frick, M. F. Wheeler.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical.—W. H. Greever, D.D., C. A. Freed, D.D., Jas. D. Kinard, S. T. Hallman, D.D., M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., H. A. McCullough, P. E. Monroe, M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Edw. Fulenwider, J. H. Harms, D.D., J. J. Long.
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Clerical.—Geo. W. Rhodes, Chas. K. Hunton, W. R. Brown, L. A. Fox, D.D., J. B. Greiner, D.D., K. Y. Umberger.
Lay.—A. B. Greiner, M.D., H. L. Bonham, G. B. Morehead, Geo. D. Brown, H. D. Derrick, A. P. Snider.

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Clerical.—C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., M. J. Epting, D.D., T. W. Shealy, John Hall.

Lay.—H. E. Dreeson, J. M. Gnann, H. C. Schmidt, J. Henry Meyer, C. H. Koneman.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical.—J. Luther Frantz, W. H. Roof.
Lay.—A. P. Harkins, J. M. Kinser.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical.—T. B. Epting.
Lay.—K. A. Livingston.

Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., of the General Council, and Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., special committee on general conference from the General Synod, were received.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to Committee on President's Report.

(No. 2.)

Report of President.

Dear Fathers and Brethren in Christ:

Today another biennium of the life of the United Synod comes to a close. So much of the history of this body has been made. The fruits of the service of the Church for this period, with their imperfections and their virtues, are now laid before the great Head of the Church. Doubtless all must feel that there is much for which it is ours to pray for pardon and yet through the mercy and goodness of Almighty God there is much also that calls for gratitude and praise unto Him Whose we are and Whom we serve. To His great name be all the honor and glory now and evermore. Amen.

Since no man liveth unto himself, no part of the Church can be insensible to the afflictions that in the providence of God have come to His people in other parts of the world. The great war centering in Europe, involving as it does so many nations and affecting the life and work of so large a part of the Christian Church, even many of our own Lutheran Zion, appeals profoundly to the sympathy of this body and should claim any cooperation possible for the relief of suffering and for the rescue of the Foreign Mission work of German Lutherans that may be in jeopardy. It is meant also that prayer should be made that wars may cease. May it not indeed be possible that this terrible conflict, with its hatreds and wrongs, properly compels to humil-

iation and prayer the entire church of God on earth? In the past history of the Church, our Heavenly Father has frequently used great affliction to deepen spiritual life, to strengthen the hold of faith on God's Word, and to increase the spirit and power of heroic service among His people. If the effect of the war should be to incline the minds of men to consider more seriously the deeper issues of life, certainly the Church should not neglect the opportunity to preach the Word with increasing faithfulness everywhere that larger numbers of those who have been indifferent, worldly, and unbelieving may be turned to faith.

In regard to the progress of the United Synod in its specific field during the past biennium, there are evidences of a lively interest throughout the Church in greater unity and efficiency of administration. There is concern for the effectiveness of every individual department of the work, in harmony between the several departments, in wise and comprehensive programs of work for each biennium, and in practical efficiency in the execution of its plans by the United Synod as a whole. It is unquestionably well for this body to emphasize the ideal of efficiency in establishing and promoting agencies for the accomplishment of its missions. By giving to every problem of organization and every demand of the broadening work of the Church the best available talent, by God's blessing and guidance, all issues will in due time be successfully met.

THE DISPOSITION OF FORCES.

Gratifying progress has already been made in the organization of means by which the United Synod shall do its work. *The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension* has been duly constituted to care for the work of planting new congregations for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in our own territory. This department of the work has its special problems. Touching one of them, the Committee on the Unification of Home Missions will report at this convention. Another that occupies every thoughtful mind is that of adequately planting the Lutheran Church in great centers of population like Birmingham and Chattanooga, the occupation of which has already begun. Besides, there must also arise the more searching question of the possession of cities already occupied by the establishment of a first church. The first churches in our larger cities, which have been established by the home missionary activity of this body, should lead to new missionary efforts in those centers of population. Here should also be mentioned the fact that a considerable foreign Lutheran population (German and Scandinavian) has

already settled in Norfolk, if not in other parts of our territory. As the development of the resources of the South continues, this problem of caring for various peoples from different Lutheran lands will become more acute. This body will receive full information in regard to the conduct of its Home Mission work from the Board. *The Board of Foreign Missions* has been charged with the care of the activity of the Southern Church in the foreign field. As in the past, no doubt this board will present an ample report with recommendations for the development of the work. The Japan Mission grows rapidly on our hands. The missionaries feel deeply the necessity of ampler financial resources to meet opportunities for evangelization through school work and by preaching of the Word. The church at home feels the stress of calls from every side. Asking permission on one hand to counsel patience on the part of our missionaries and on the other courage on the part of the Church, I feel that this body cannot but face the duty of doing as liberal things for the Japan work as may be possible with a due regard to obligations for the development of the other work of the Church. The work of *Inner Missions* had its beginning in the United Synod with the taking-over, support, and control of the Orphan Home at Salem, Va. This work has realized encouraging growth. In fact, the necessity of ampler equipment confronts the authorities of the Home in order that applicants having claims upon the Church may be provided for. Here as elsewhere, therefore, the problem of efficiency presses. What shall the United Synod undertake with a view to enlarging the accommodations of the Orphan Home? And, more important still, has the Home been provided with the means to prepare every child according to its gifts to become a self-supporting and useful member of society? Since according to advanced educational thinking every child is not by nature fitted to be best prepared for life by a higher education, should not proper means of vocational training be given such children in the Home? No doubt the authorities of our Orphan Home are studying these problems of efficiency and will in due course recommend action. The study of sociological conditions in the South has led this body to take a further step in organizing for work in the field of Inner Missions. The lack of arrangements for the care of the aged and afflicted, the growth of the mill population, and the increase of the number of large cities in the South with their inevitable calls for special social service prompted this body at its Atlanta convention to constitute the new *Inner Mission and Deaconess Board.* This was an important step towards the completion of our organization for work in a department not fully occupied.

The Theological Seminary of the United Synod at Columbia will of course receive ample attention in the consideration of the report of the Board of Directors. The giving of this school of the prophets a permanent and commodious home in the city of Columbia and the retention of a third professor for the Chair of Practical Theology are significant advances in the development of our institution for theological education. The training of efficient and consecrated pastors is essential to the progress of every other department of church work. The general usefulness of the Seminary will be conditioned only by its being equipped and manned up to the point where its work will be equivalent to the best in the land. *The Board of Publication,* comprehending within its functions the publication of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings,* the Book of Worship and the Sunday School Hymnal, stands for a cause of the Church that touches the welfare and efficiency of every other interest. The production and distribution of a genuinely Christian literature become increasingly important in these days of unwholesome periodicals and books. While most of the schools and colleges within the bounds of the United Synod are connected with the district synods, this body felt so deeply the necessity of greater emphasis on Christian education in its work that at the Atlanta convention a new *Board of Education* was established. It is believed that this new agency can find an important field of service within our bounds, especially by the education of the people on the subject of Christian or true education. This body has reason to be thankful to God for the eminently helpful co-operation given by *auxiliary agencies,* particularly *the Woman's Missionary Conference* and the societies it represents together with *the Laymen's Missionary Movement.* With the completer organization of the United Synod for the carrying on of its work broadly and efficiently through its various departments, the question naturally arises, has the time come when the interests of the Church and the progress of the Kingdom of God will best be subserved by the direction of the Laymen's Movement towards the accomplishment of the entire program of the United Synod in every department of its varied work? Every branch of the work of the congregation, of the District Synod, and of the United Synod needs the business wisdom, the consecrated effort, and financial leadership of the laymen of the Church.

THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR POSITION.

Besides the review of the various constituted agencies for advancing the work of the United Synod, it is desired also to present

for your consideration certain interests which seem to require special emphasis at this convention.

1. *Sunday School Work.*—There has been gratifying interest in many of the District Synods in the adoption of ways and means to increase the efficiency of the Sunday schools of the Church. Particularly has the Sunday School Normal been employed helpfully when conducted a considerable length of time. However, the main problem has been to make available for any considerable number of officers and teachers the body of expert knowledge that would contribute so much to their usefulness in this branch of congregation work. Under American conditions, the Sunday school as an agency for Christian education seems to be an indispensable part of our organized work. It must be made efficient. Trained teachers and good officers are a necessity. It is recommended that the United Synod suggest a uniform plan for the improvement of Sunday schools to the District Synods and also adopt any practicable measures to aid them in this vital work.

2. *Christian Education* in the schools and colleges of the Church should be made the subject of special prayer and effort by pastors and people in all our District Synods. The people need to understand that Christian education is a church work, that our schools and colleges must be supported liberally, that the sons and daughters of the Church should be educated in them as far as possible, and that our schools and colleges in their several grades should conform to recognized standards. It is recommended that this body put itself on record in regard to the necessity of higher Christian education for the progress of the Church and the duty of the people in the premises.

3. *The Efficiency of the Ministry of the Church* is conditioned not only by long and expensive preparation but also by adequate support. The increased cost of living, the need of freedom from anxiety about material affairs, and the necessity of being able to command the means of intellectual and spiritual growth are among the many reasons for setting a higher standard in the matter of ministerial support. It is held to be unquestionably true that the best results for progress cannot be secured, either in local congregations, or in the general work of the Church, unless such liberal support of the ministry be provided as shall enable the Church to develop and command efficient men. Therefore, for the counsel of the people, it is recommended that this body express its conception of the proper standard at which the people should aim in ministerial support.

4. The practical attitude of the United Synod towards the Negro race in the South has been the subject of discussion

privately and in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for several bienniums. For years, the question of the duty of the Lutheran Church in this connection has been on the consciences of many individuals. More than a year ago, the Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the General Council, offered to the United Synod an ordained Lutheran minister of the Negro race for whom he has not been able to find a suitable field at the North. This grave problem should be faced with courage and resolution. In the survey of the territory in which God has called this body to advance His kingdom, at once it appears that the Negroes constitute a considerable part of the population. Have the Negroes in the South been Christianized? Is there a field still open for work for this race without proselyting? What is the civic duty of the Southern church in the premises? Is there really a call to this body to advance the Kingdom of God among the black people? It is recommended that a special committee be appointed to investigate the field, to study thoroughly the problem, and to propose action at the next convention.

GENERAL RELATIONS.

The unification of the Lutheran forces in America, both in the basal realm of inner faith and expressed doctrinal position and in the structural realm of co-operation and achievement, has been and is a subject of deepest prayerful and practical interest for the United Synod. In relation to this body, the signs of the times, evidencing progress in unity and co-operation, are very encouraging. The Common Service and co-operation with the General Council and the Danish Synod in foreign mission work in Japan are accomplished facts. The Committees on Common Book of Worship and on Common Sunday School Literature are at work with similar committees representing other general bodies. This body's Committee on Fraternal Co-operation will report progress in regard to the plans maturing for the Four Hundredth Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation in 1917. The General Synod, the General Council, the United Synod, the United Norwegian Synod, and the Joint Synod of Ohio have already committed themselves to co-operation in this great celebration. The *American Lutheran Survey*, now established and published at Columbia, is welcomed as a new agency which promises to be an influential medium making for unification. To the great Head of the Church, gratitude and praise are due for this growing spirit of unity.

5. It is recommended that the plan of a standing committee on Fraternal Co-operation be continued.

Under date of August 27, 1913, a communication was received from Rev. A. Pflueger, English Secretary of the Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, conveying the request of his body for the appointment of an Intersynodical Committee of Arbitration by the United Synod in the interest of harmony and peace among the various bodies of the Lutheran Church. In relation to the subject of the foregoing paragraph and in itself, this action of the Joint Synod is most pleasing.

6. It is recommended that a committee be appointed to consider the request and report at this convention.

The Lutheran Church cannot be indifferent to sincere and conservative efforts to promote unity in the Christian church at large. In this connection, a letter from the Rt. Rev. Chas. P. Anderson, D.D., Bishop of Chicago, inviting this body to participate in the proposed World Conference on Faith and Order, is referred to you for consideration.

7. It is recommended that a special committee be appointed to suggest action on this subject at the present meeting, if practicable.

Praying God's blessing upon all the work of the United Synod and thanking you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD.

The order of daily sessions was fixed at from 9:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. after today.

The election of officers was as follows:

Officers of Synod.

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President.

Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Vice President.

Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., Secretary.

Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D., Statistical Secretary.

Mr. J. E. Cooper, Treasurer.

On motion, the services at 8 p. m. this evening, at Ebenezer Lutheran church, will be a discussion of Home and Foreign Missions.

The Synod adjourned, to be reconvened at 3 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday, November 10, 1914, 3 P. M.

Synod convened and was opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

The Secretary read the Rules of Order.

The Minutes of last convention were referred to Committee on Minutes.

The Treasurer read his report, which was received and referred to Committee on Treasurer's Report.

(No. 3.)

Report of Treasurer.

J. E. Cooper, Treasurer, in Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

DEBITS.

1912.			
Nov.	13.	To bal. in treasury (page 14, Minutes 1912) .$	2 31
	21.	To cash received in offerings during Atlanta Convention	66 39
		To cash received from Treasurer Mississippi Synod (in full and $2.22 overpay).....	13 10
	29.	To cash received from J. M. Kinzer, Treas. Holston Synod	8 23
		To cash from Southwest Virginia Synod, per Mr. C. H. Duls	3 03
1913.			
Jan.	24.	To cash from M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod.	30 65
	27.	To cash from M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod.	47 85
Feb.	10.	To cash from Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod	50 00
	17.	To cash interest on F. P. Cover fund.....	299 73
Apr.	3.	To cash from Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Virginia Synod	4 94
Jun.	6.	To cash from Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Virginia Synod	6 03
Aug.	1.	To cash from Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Virginia Synod	100 97
	18.	To cash interest on F. P. Cover fund.....	299 56
Sep.	4.	To cash from Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Virginia Synod	*1 88
Oct.	27.	To cash from J. M. Gnann, Treas. Georgia Synod	37 16

	To cash from J. M. Kinzer, Treas. Holston Synod	8 23
28.	To cash from M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod.	30 65
Nov. 8.	To cash from J. D. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod	47 85
1914.		
Feb. 24.	To cash interest on F. P. Cover fund	299 41
May 6.	To cash from Lutheran Board of Publication for Royalties on Book Worship to March 31, 1914	491 27
July 17.	To cash from M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod (in full)	30 65
Aug. 17.	To cash interest on F. P. Cover fund	300 00
20.	To cash from J. M. Kinzer, Treas. Holston Synod (in full)	8 23
Sep. 28.	To cash from J. M. Gnann, Treas. Georgia Synod (in full)	18 58
Oct. 8.	To cash from M. L. Mauney, Treas. Tenn. Synod	394 98
12.	To cash from J. D. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod (in full)	47 85
Nov. 9.	To cash from A. H. Kohn, Treas. S. C. Synod	108 60
		$ 2,758 13

*Overpay of 38c.

Credits.

1912.		
Nov. 21.	Paid Rev. W. H. Greever, Publ'tion Interests.	$ 6 61
	Paid C. M. Efird, Treas. Theological Seminary	6 61
	Paid John A. Cline, Treas. Foreign Mission Board	12 15
	Paid T. Edgar Johnston, Treas. Board Home Missions	12 16
	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home	14 43
	Paid Rev. W. H. Greever, Board of Deaconnesses and Inner Missions	14 43
The six items preceding were the Offerings at Atlanta Convention.		
18.	Paid Sexton's fee at Atlanta	5 00
16.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, stationery, etc., 1910-12 term	3 00
29.	Paid Rev. Geo. H. Cox, sal'y Statistical Sec'y	10 00
1913.		
Jan. 27.	Paid one-half sal'y Rev. S. T. Hallman, Sec'y	25 00

		Paid Refund Mr. C. H. Duls (Page 12 last minutes)	30 69
		Paid Rev. C. A. Freed, Delegate expenses to meeting of Gen. Synod, last Biennium.....	20 00
Feb.	10.	Paid Rev. S. T. Hallman, Sec'y, balance salary	25 00
	17.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home, semi-annual interest F. P. Cover fund....	269 76
		Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard Int. F. P. Cover fund	29 97
May	28.	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses on Common Book of Worship Committee	17 35
Jun:	2.	Paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses on Common Book of Worship Committee	22 50
Aug.	12.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, expenses on Common Book of Worship Committee	18 30
	19.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home, semi-annual Int. F. P. Cover fund.....	269 60
		Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, interest F. P. Cover fund	29 96
Oct.	27.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, balance, principal and interest on loan from Seminary fund.....	105 65
	29.	Paid Rev. A. W. Ballentine, refund of overpay on assessment Mississippi Synod.....	2 22
Nov.	29.	Paid Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Common Book of Worship	35 00
		Paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses Common Book of Worship	28 00
1914.			
Feb.	23.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home, interest semi-annual F. P. Cover fund....	269 47
		Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, Int. F. P. Cover fund	29 94
May	2.	Paid Lutheran Board of Publication, bill printing minutes, express and postage.....	491 27
July	13.	Paid Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses two meetings on Common Book of Worship	33 08
	17.	Paid Rev. A. G. Voigt, expenses on Common Book of Worship	36 00
Aug.	17.	Paid Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home semi-annual interest F. P. Cover fund.....	270 00
		Paid Rev. J. A. Huffard, int. F. P. Cover fund	30 00
		Balance in treasury	584 98
			$ 2,758 13

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

Statements of amounts due this treasury from the several District Synods have been regularly forwarded to their proper officials. These statements included any balances reported due in 1912 minutes and the standing assessment of half a cent per capita for each of the years 1912, 1913 and 1914.

Six of the District Synods have paid in full their assessments to this date. The following is a statement of the balances due this treasury.

Tennessee Synod—assessment for 1914, $61.83.

South Carolina Synod—assessment for 1914, $54.30.

ALL INDEBTEDNESS PAID.

The indebtedness of $100 with interest, on loan from Theological Seminary Library Fund, has been paid in full.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

1. The F. P. Cover fund of $10,000 is still invested by the Real Estate Loan and Guarantee Company, of Charlotte, North Carolina in mortgages upon real estate, at six per cent. interest. Interest, amounting to $1,198.70 for the Biennium, has been paid semi-annually. In compliance with the provisions of the testator's will, $1,078.83 has been paid to the Treasurer of the Orphan Home and $119.87 to Rev. J. A. Huffard, pastor of Ebenezer church, Browntown, Virginia. The bonds and mortgages of this fund are submitted to the Committee on Treasurer's Report.

2. The Mrs. S. C. Swigert $2,000 Beneficiary Education Fund, page 12, minutes of 1910. This fund remains on deposit in the Bank of Forest, Miss.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Convention were printed by our Board of Publication at a cost, including the expense of distribution, of $491.27. The Board of Publication and the Committee on the Common Book of Worship, which were given power at the last Convention to fix the royalty on the Book of Worship, agreed to accept the bills for printing the minutes in 1910 and those in 1912 as settlement in full for all royalty demands until March 31, 1914.

SOURCES OF REVENUE.

1. Per capita assessment of half a cent, as provided by Standing Resolution.

2. Royalty on sales of Book of Worship from April 1, 1914, namely, three per cent. of selling price on all styles of binding.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. COOPER.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

The undersigned Committee on Treasurer's Report respectfully report: The Treasurer has in his possession and has exhibited to us securities aggregating $10,000 and covering the F. P. Cover Fund. We have examined his cash account and find the same correct, all disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER,
WM. P. HOUSEAL,
A. P. HARKINS,
G. B. MOREHEAD,
HENRY E. DREESON.

The following committees were announced:

(No. 4.)

Standing Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D., Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Mr. J. F. Ficken, Dr. C. O. Miller.

2. *On Minutes of Last Convention.*—Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Rev. Enoch Hite, Rev. Jas. D. Kinard, Messrs. Jno. D. Barrier and Jacob Umlauf.

3. *On District Synod.*—Rev. B. S. Brown, Rev. P. E. Monroe, Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph.D., Messrs. J. M. Gnann and R. W. Frick.

4. *On Devotional Services.*—The pastors of St. Paul and Ebenezer churches and officers of Synod.

5. *On The Theological Seminary.*—Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Prof. S. J. Derrick, Mr. John A. Cline.

6. *On Board of Education.*—Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., Rev. L. L. Lohr, Rev. Edw. Fulenwider, Dr. A. B. Greiner, Prof. E. S. Dreher.

7. *On Orphan Home.*—Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, Rev. P. E. Monroe, Messrs. W. K. Shealy and P. G. Rhyne.

8. *On Home Missions.*—Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Messrs. A. H. Snider, G. C. Hine and Dr. C. L. Kibler, Rev. W. J. Finck.

9. *On Foreign Missions.*—Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes, Messrs. Kenneth Baker, and H. L. Bonham and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

10. *On Board of Publication.*—Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., Rev. E. A. Shenk, Rev. J. L. Cromer, Rev. J. J. Long, Messrs. J. E. Cooper, A. P. Snider, and M. F. Wheeler.

11. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. B. Greiner, Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. W. H. Roof and Messrs. P. C. Price, W. T. Stauffer and H. D. Derrick.

12. *On Finance.*—Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Rev. Jno. D. Mauney, Rev. K. Y. Umberger, Rev. J. Luther Frantz, and Dr. G. Y. Hunter, Prof. Geo. F. McAllister and Mr. A. H. Kohn.

13. *To Audit Treasurer's Report.*—Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, and Messrs. W. P. Houseal, G. B. Morehead, H. E. Dreeson and A. P. Hawkins.

14. *On Church Literature.*—Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, Rev. J. M. Senter, Rev. C. W. Cassell and Messrs. J. H. Rehder and C. H. Koneman.

15. *To Nominate Fraternal Delegates.*—Rev. Edw. Fulenwider, Rev. O. W. Aderholdt, Rev. T. W. Shealy and Messrs. J. W. Cress and H. C. Schmidt.

The following Press Committee was appointed: Revs. Geo. H. Rhodes, Edward Fulenwider and J. J. Scherer, Jr.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the words "Committee on Report of Board of Education" be substituted for "Committee on Literary Institutions," item 6, Rules of Order.

Board of Foreign Missions reported. Report received and referred to the proper committee.

(No. 5.)

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions for the Biennium, October 15, 1912, to October 15, 1914.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Robert C. Holland, of the North Carolina Synod.
W. A. Deaton, of the Tennessee Synod.
M. O. J. Kreps, of the South Carolina Synod.

J. H. Murphy, of the Mississippi Synod.
M. J. Epting, of the Georgia Synod.
J. M. Lichtenwanger, of the Holston Synod.
J. E. Cooper, of the Virginia Synod.
H. L. Bonham, of the Southwestern Virginia Synod.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Board are as follows:
Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Columbia, S. C., *President and General Secretary.*
Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Columbia, S. C., *Recording Secretary.*
Mr. John A. Cline, Concord, N. C., *Treasurer, and Advisory Member of the Board.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This Committee consists of the Officers of the Board and Mr. J. E. Cooper, and Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.

THE FOREIGN FIELD.

The work of the United Synod has been confined to the Island Kyushu, whose population is about 7,000,000. As to need and opportunity, this field is one of the most inviting in the Empire of Japan.

OUR WORKING FORCE.

Our missionaries now under appointment of the Board are as follows:

	Date of Arrival in Japan.
C. L. Brown, D.D.,* Kumamoto	1898 and 1908
C. K. Lippard, D.D.,* Saga	1900 and 1908
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Saga	1906
Rev. L. S. G. Miller, Hakata	1907
Rev. C. W. Hepner, Kumamoto	1912
Miss Martha B. Akard, Saga	1914
Miss Mary Lou Bowers, Saga	1914

Adding Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lippard, Mrs. Stirewalt and Mrs. Miller, the number of our missionaries is eleven.

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*These two missionaries and their wives have served 16 and 14 years respectively.

OUR NATIVE WORKERS.

Rev. R. Yamanouchi.	Rev. Takimoto.
Evangelist Wasa.	Evangelist Kitakoga.
Catechist Takahashi.	Evangelist Kawasaki.
Evangelist Washiyama.	Catechist Honda.

BIBLE AND KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.

Mrs. Yamanouchi.	Mrs. Nonaka.
Miss Tanaka.	Mrs. Ogawa.
Miss Hattori.	Miss Aso.
Miss Matsui.	Miss Terada.

Rev. N. Yamanouchi was transferred by our mission to the General Council Mission over a year ago, to meet a need in Tokyo, and thus it is that his name does not appear in foregoing list. Mr. Kitakoga is fulfilling his place at Hakata and vicinity.

THE SUPPORT OF THE WORKING FORCE.

The support of these stations and missionaries devolve almost entirely upon the home churches. The three organized churches defray local expenses apart from pastor's salary. The average support given native evangelists is from $250 to $300 per year. That of Bible women about $100 per year. The support of our missionaries, according to scale adopted by joint action of ourselves and General Council, remains the same as heretofore, except that where there are children in the family, an allowance is made for each child. This means, in our Mission, an advance of from eight to nine hundred dollars per year.

The entire cost of maintaining the Mission, (omitting the Mission School, the support of the distinctly woman's work, represented by two additional missionaries, and buildings and cost of furloughs) and administration expenses is $16,375.

The income of the Mission School must be supplemented by $7,700, of this the General Council Board pays $2,566 and we pay the residue, $5,133.

For furloughs and building and upkeep, we must allow at least $5,000. The sum total needed is $26,500. The Board is therefore under the necessity of asking for an annual apportionment of not less than $25,000.

We do not include in the above estimate the cost of the work the women have undertaken, whereby two young ladies have been sent out. This involves a present cost of $2,100. As the work progresses the expenses will slightly increase. This special

work is sustained by the Woman's Missionary Conference, over and above what they have been giving to the Mission heretofore.

During the year October 15, 1912, to October 15, 1913, $21,222, and during the year just closed $26,665, were expended in support of the cause.

We were forced to borrow the sum of $5,000 to meet the actual cost of maintaining the Mission during this biennium.

THE WORK IN JAPAN.

1. *Evangelistic.* The three principal stations occupied by our United Synod mission are as follows:

Saga, a city of 37,000. Here we have a church, a missionary's home, a home for native kindergarten teachers, and a kindergarten school building, with forty children. Two Sunday schools with enrollment of 200. Notwithstanding scores of removals of members, there are now thirty in regular attendance, and fifteen at the prayer meeting. Baptisms during the biennium were twenty-two.

Kumamoto, a city of 80,000. Here is located our Mission School. Here we have a church, a missionary's home, and a home for native pastor. The membership in regular average attendance is fifty. The enrollment in Bible classes and Sunday school is 200. Baptisms and confirmations during the year is seventeen. The eight theological students are actively engaged in Church work, who together with the candidates in preparation, are twelve in number. Scores of Christians have gone out from this church, and must be classified as members removed.

Hakata, a city of 80,000, and the most aggressive in Kyushu. Though recently occupied, this station promises encouraging results. Regular church attendance, 25. In the city and outlying villages we have five Sunday schools, with an enrollment of 250. Regular kindergarten schools with thirty children. Rev. Miller is missionary in charge. In his absence Rev. Stirewalt is overlooking the work.

Among the minor stations, Omuta and Ogi are the most important. In the former we have a chapel, the Chisolm Memorial, and at latter a kindergarten school building—Setzler Memorial. Ten inquirers and seven baptisms for 1913. Kindergarten and Sunday schools enroll 140 scholars.

During the twenty years, occupied largely in laying the foundation stones, there have been gathered into the kingdom an average of twenty-seven souls annually.

2. *Educational—The Mission School.* In November, 1909, negotiations for the purchase of an eight acre site for the Mission

School in the city of Kumamoto were consummated, the purchase price being $13,600. At this date, November, 1912, the buildings completed are dormitory for 100 students, dining room and kitchen, gymnasium, two professors' houses, and the main building for administration and class room purposes, and the Science Hall, at cost of land and buildings of $56,000.

To this have been added $5,000 for improvement of the grounds, and general equipment. The fourth session opened in April last, 1914, most auspiciously, with an enrollment of 400 students. The endorsement of the Educational Department of the empire is unreserved and students are admitted to corresponding grades in the government schools without examination. This is a school of five years' course, and is supplemented by a theological school of three years' course. There are eight students in this department. The entire school has a faculty of twenty, Dr. C. L. Brown, of our Mission, being Dean. The dormitory and dining rooms are self-supporting, but the annual cost of the school must be supplemented to the extent of $7,700 by the Mission Board.

This School, "The Kyushu Gakuin," has more than met the expectation of its founders and supporters. The supreme purpose of the school is to provide native evangelists to go out into the field, and they in turn are helping to replenish the number of candidates through their evangelistic services in stations occupied. Thus the evangelistic and educational departments complement each other, and neither can fulfill its proper mission without the other.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER LUTHERAN BODIES.

The past biennum has served to illustrate more fully the nature and harmony of cooperation with our brethren of the United Danish Church of America, and the General Council. The former remains close neighbor, occupying Kurume as its central station. They have two married missionaries, and several native evangelists, and are proposing to enlarge their field by taking up an important station in the extreme northen border of Kyushu. Rev. Mr. Winther is a professor of theology in the Mission School, a veteran missionary, supported by the Danish Church.

The General Council maintains a station in Tokyo, in charge of Rev. Mr. Smith. Rev. E. T. Horn, Jr., is professor of English in the Mission School. In addition to this the Council Board pays one-third of the $7,700 needed annually for the support of the school. The missionaries of these three bodies have formed a Conference, with well defined powers, and present before the

Japanese one Lutheran Church. Our occidental divisions have disappeared, the one faith surviving unclouded.

ON FURLOUGH.

June 2, 1913, Rev. L. S. G. Miller, with his wife and child, started from Japan for America, on leave of absence, made eminently proper by the illness of Mrs. Miller. Our missionaries on the field joined in request that such leave of absence be granted. Mrs. Miller seems to have been greatly benefited by treatment in a hospital at Battle Creek, and we hope can return to Japan in due time. Having thus safely passed through an unusually severe ordeal, her recovery is cause for our devout gratitude to God. Rev. Miller has been engaged in an active campaign in Virginia in behalf of the work in Hakata, to secure funds for the building of a chapel and missionary's home in that city, and with commendable energy and success. The importance of this work, together with the question of Mrs. Miller gaining needful strength, has occasioned delay in their return to Japan. It is now expected that they will set sail for their mission home in March next.

August 21, 1913, Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D., and family left Yokohama for America upon leave of absence, the occasion thereof being serious illness of Mrs. Lippard. Our other missionaries petitioned the Board to grant permission for such return. Arriving at Chicago, September 6th, Mrs. Lippard in due time entered Passavant Hospital in that city, and undergoing an operation declared to be necessary, has since regained her health. Removing to Columbia, March, 1914, Dr. Lippard began a campaign of visiting the churches in the Carolinas and Georgia, with a view of acquainting them with the work and the needs of the mission in Japan, emphasizing the claims of the Mission School upon the larger support of the home Church.

In the summer a severe affliction came upon the family in the critical and prolonged illness of their eldest daughter, Faith, occasioning ultimately their removal to Hendersonville, N. C. The question of the return of these beloved missionaries to Japan, has caused them and the Board much anxiety. Still detained in America because of the slow recovery of their daughter, it would be improper for them to start for Japan before March, 1915. In the meantime we must await clearer indications of Providence. The attitude of the United Synod in behalf of the mission will be one of the determining factors in the final decision.

THE TWO WOMEN MISSIONARIES.

On the eighth day of January, 1914, the two young ladies, Miss Martha B. Akard and Miss Mary Lou Bowers, sailed from San Francisco for Yokohama. Having been duly called, and formally commissioned, they go forth under the auspices of the women of our Southern Church, to begin work especially among the girls and women, in connection with our missionaries already on the field. During this year they have taken up residence in Tokyo, for the purpose of attending the Language School in that city. In a few months they will probably locate at Saga, as the post of their first service. The kindergarten work at Saga and Ogi will be largely under their charge. It is hoped that this special form of work will eventuate on a substantial and profitable agency in behalf of the girls of Kyushu—a branch of service too long neglected, yet full of promise for good.

The women, through the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod, have pledged adequate support of these missionaries and their work, while affirming their purpose to aid the general cause as heretofore.

Miss Martha B. Akard, daughter of Abel B. Akard, and granddaughter of Rev. J. K. Hancher, is a native of Sullivan county, Tenn., and member of Immanuel Lutheran church of same county, having been confirmed at its altar at the age of twelve years. At the age of fourteen years she lost both parents by death. She is a graduate of Marion College, Va.; and a few years ago consecrated herself to the services of the Church of her fathers, and in 1910 entered the Lucy-Webb Hays National Training School for Deaconesses and Missionaries, and while there completed a course in kindergarten training. For the two years preceding her call as a missionary, she was further preparing for her life work in the Lutheran Deaconess Mother House, Baltimore. After prayerful consideration she accepted the call of our Board to be a missionary in Japan.

Miss Mary Lou Bowers is the daughter of Rev. Prof. A. J. Bowers, D.D., of Newberry College. She was confirmed in the Church of the Redeemer, Newberry, S. C., and graduated from Newberry College in 1904, receiving the degree of Bachlor of Arts. Having an ardent desire to give her life to the service of the Master, she availed herself of all the advantages of training for Christian service, and ultimately entered the Lutheran Deaconess Mother House, Baltimore, and having finished the prescribed course there, was about to be formally ordained as a deaconess, when the call of our Board was received. She ac-

cepted the call as coming from the Lord, in the fulfillment of her cherished hopes, and in prayerful submission to the divine will.

NEW BUILDINGS.

During the biennum, there has been built on the campus of Kyushu Gakuin the Science Hall, at a cost of $6,000. This was imperative, according to requirement of the Educational Department of the Japan government. Otherwise there had been a serious setback to the influence and usefulness of the school. It had to be done largely on borrowed money, and by postponement of the erection of the chapel so greatly needed.

The Kindergarten School building at Ogi, costing a little over $1,300, has been completed and is being used greatly to the advantage of the work in Ogi. These two buildings have been fully paid for, and add materially to the equipment of our Mission.

MEMORIAL BUILDINGS.

The Kindergarten School building at Ogi is a memorial to Dr. Francis Marion Setzler, of South Carolina. Dr. Setzler was born in Newberry county in 1845, and died July 29, 1905. His children in fulfillment of his known wishes have set apart a child's portion for missions. Upon final settlement of the estate, the amount set apart for this purpose was named at $1,275. The parties assenting, this kindergarten building was adopted as a memorial to their father, and it is so designated, in appreciative recognition of this beautiful token of filial piety. The first installment has been paid, the residue pledged in annual payments.

Following close upon the Chapel Memorial by the Church of the Ascension in Savannah, of which note was made in our report two years ago, the good people of St. Paul's, Wilmington, have assumed to build the Theological Hall, upon the Mission School grounds, at a cost of $4,000, and have pledged that amount to be paid in full, if called for in May, 1916.

For these generous acts, by individuals and congregations, indicating as they do, an awakening to larger vision and greater efforts in behalf of the kingdom, the Board feels that it speaks the voice of the whole Church, in putting on record grateful recognition of these timely and liberal benefactions.

ANNUITY.

We have been permitted to add $500 to our Annuity Fund. This amount is placed in our hands for Foreign Missions, by

Mrs. Susan C. Lorick, of Richland county, S. C., in which her husband, S. M. Lorick cheerfully joins her. These good people are both octogenarians, living in humble and cheerful piety, and with evident happiness have devoted this offering to the cause of saving souls. They are faithful members of the Lutheran Church, intelligent, cheerful, and cherish a lively interest in the affairs of the Church.

MARRIAGE OF MISSIONARY.

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, with consent of the Board, came to America at his own expense, and on the fifth day of August, 1914, was married to Miss Alice M. Wulbern, of Charleston, S. C., and returned immediately to his post of duty in Saga. He seems to have preferred to spend his alloted vacation in this way, rather than at Kiruizawa, the summer resort for overworked missionaries. We cannot but extend the hand of welcome and joyous greeting to this pleasing and valuable addition to our mission group in Japan.

THE OUTLOOK.

1. As to the work on the field: This is the bright side. Never before has there been so many causes of encouragement. There is an increasing fruitage to the labors of our missionaries, and native workers. The Japanese mind is more receptive toward the Gospel and more accessible by our missionaries. The attitude of the government toward Christianity is one of more than mere tolerance. There is a growing recognition of its higher moral claims. The Mission School holds out the hand of cheer, in the fulfillment of all promises made to the home Church. Success has marked every step of its development. It is a surprise springing out of many hindering odds, and unheeded cries for greatly needed equipment. Its future claims upon local confidence are linked into our keeping step with the coming needs.

We have cheering reports from Saga, Kumamoto, Omuta, and Hakata, of baptisms, and faithful service, harmony among our workers, general good health of our missionaries on the field, and continued faith in the support by the home Church.

OUTLOOK—HOME BASE.

We rejoice in view of the gradual rising of our young people in aid of the missionary cause. This gives us renewed hope, and constitutes one of the brighter gleams upon the horizon.

Another cheering sign is the venture of several of our more able congregations upon larger things in behalf of the extension of the kingdom, in which category we are permitted to place Winchester Church, Virginia; St. Paul's, Wilmington, and the Church of the Ascension, Savannah. We acknowledge our obligation to several other churches whose record indicates a lively interest in this great work of the Church. There is encouragement also in that some of our aggressive laymen are making it possible to continue the Laymen's Missionary Movement throughout our bounds, whereby the great subject of missions is emphasized, and mission study is fostered, and needed information through distribution of literature, lectures, and conventions, is brought home to our people. In due time this missionary movement under the auspices of our laymen cannot but yield unmistakable fruitage to the benefit of the whole Church, and in increasing measure.

The Women's Societies have been faithful to their pledged support, and in addition have undertaken to finance the special work in behalf of the girls and women of Japan, and are supporting the same at a present annual cost of $2,100. In this they have called in the aid of the Young People's Missionary organizations of the North Carolina and South Carolina Synods.

When we reflect, however, that two of our missionaries are almost entirely supported by one congregation and a certain individual, and another missionary largely by the children, and that the Women's Societies are supporting a third missionary, it is not a matter of cheer to have to report that it became necessary that we should borrow over $5,000 to meet the current expenses of the Mission. Our anxiety on behalf of fulfilling the pledges of the United Synod toward the support of the Mission becomes a daily burden, in view of the ease with which the cause of Foreign Missions is deferred, in so many instances, to the supposed superior claims of the local work. If retrenchment becomes necessary, it will be due in large measure to this cause. We feel very keenly our dependence upon our pastors, and do plead with them to help save the cause from ruinous retrenchment. The indications already point to the fact that at this juncture we must rely more largely than ever upon the regular apportionment, inasmuch as supposed extra gifts for special objects are so largely claimed under the amount apportioned. We plead for every dollar of the apportionment as the solution and salvation of the cause of our United Synod in Japan.

PRESSING NEEDS.

After the Chapel for the Mission School, perhaps the loudest call is in behalf of the finishing of the dormitory building. This is so vitally related to the religious purpose of this school, that we should respond to the call without delay. One hundred or more youths are compelled annually to lose one of the chief agencies for Christian culture—a home in the college dormitory, and we are losing precious opportunity of giving them needed evangelistic environment. At present we can accommodate not over one hundred. The residue must find accommodation in Buddhistic or atheistic homes in the city. A chapel in Hakata is another pressing need, provision for which is fairly under way, largely through the liberality of Grace Church, Winchester, Va., and generous responses of other churches in Virginia to the appeals of our missionary at Hakata, Rev. L. S. G. Miller.

APPRECIATION.

The Board would put on record its appreciation of the courtesies extended us by the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, whereby the cause has been very substantially aided; and also of the generous friends who helped forward the Emergency Campaign in response to the Trumpet Call, and the churches and individuals who by their kindly words and offerings have helped to sustain the cause through another biennium.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board submits for the consideration of the United Synod the following recommendations:

1. That the United Synod record its appreciation of the faithful services of our missionaries in Japan, and its continued confidence in their judgment in the administration of the affairs of the Mission; and that this body renew its pledge "to loyally sustain them in the work to which they are giving their lives in our stead."

2. That the United Synod send cordial greetings to the Foreign Mission Board of the United Danish Church of America, and of the General Council and the general bodies they represent, as esteemed coworkers with us in a common cause, whereby we have, through harmonious cooperation, been able not only to do a larger work, but unitedly to present and illustrate a unity of faith, and blessed harmony in cooperative effort in one organization, "The Joint Conference."

3. That the United Synod express its interest and sympathy in behalf of those Lutheran Missionary Societies in Germany having missionaries in India, in their distress pending the war among the nations of Europe, and that their appeal to the Lutheran Mission Boards of America to come to their aid in this emergency calls for our fraternal and prayerful consideration, and that the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to cooperate with other Lutheran Boards in America as in their judgment may be deemed proper, in view of obligations now pressing in regard to our own missionaries.

4. That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to ordain to the gospel ministry such native evangelists as our Mission in Japan may recommend for ordination, and whose qualifications shall be found adequate.

5. That the United Synod in view of the immediate and necessary demands of the work in Japan, and the obligations heretofore assumed by this body in regard thereto, apportion among the several District Synods, the sum of $25,000 annually, during the coming biennium, as the amount necessary to meet the current expenses of the Mission, exclusive of the distinctive women's work supported by the women and the erection of new buildings not already provided for in whole or in part.

6. That Epiphany season be designated especially as Foreign Mission Festival to be observed in all of our congregations, and that "April Japan Day" be recognized as the season for special offerings by our Sunday schools in behalf of the Mission Cause in Japan.

Very respectfully submitted,

ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
M. O. J. KREPS,
W. A. DEATON,
J. E. COOPER,
J. M. LICHTENWANGER,
J. H. MURPHY,
M. J. EPTING,
H. L. BONHAM,
Members of the Board.

Columbia, S. C., November 10, 1914.

Treasurer's Report.

October 15, 1912 to October 15, 1914.

John A. Cline, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1912	DR.	
Oct. 15,	To Balance	$ 1,677 43
	To Am't from all sources	50,898 58
		$ 52,576 01

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By Am't Salary to Rev. C. L. Brown	$ 2,855 93
By Am't Salary to Rev. C. K. Lippard	2,899 94
By Am't Salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	1,756 50
By Am't Salary to Rev. L. S. G. Miller	2,275 76
By Am't Salary to Rev. C. W. Hepner	1,599 91
By Am't Incidentals	8,668 95
By Am't for Support of Japan School	9,609 96
By Am't for Support of Kindergarten	920 00
By Am't Salary of Supt. of Board of Missions	2,433 00
By Am't Administration expense (travel, etc.)	590 35
By Am't for Printing, stamps, stationery, etc.	369 36
By Am't Salary for two women missionaries	1,340 00
By Am't for Outfits for women missionaries	450 00
By Am't Interest Account	575 00
By Am't for Science Hall	6,000 00
By Am't Upkeep Mission School	290 00
By Am't Passage Money sent Rev. Lippard	1,521 70
By Am't Moving Rev. Lippard, Chicago to Columbia	177 85
By Am't Various gifts for Rev. Brown	463 25
By Am't Gift for Mrs. Brown	25 00
By Am't Passage Money sent Rev. Stirewalt	400 00
By Am't Passage Money sent Rev. Miller	500 00
By Am't Income Tax for Missionaries	91 66
By Am't Gifts to Ogi Kindergarten Building	1,500 00
By Am't Gifts to Hakata Kindergarten Building	750 00
By Am't Refund to Rev. Miller for Hakata	102 23
By Am't Freight for Revs. Stirewalt and Hepner	87 94
By Am't Cablegrams	38 24
By Am't Salary for Treasurer of Board	200 00
By Am't Balance on Building Fund	277 51
By Am't Gift to Rev. Stirewalt (Buehler's Miss. Soc.)	**110 00**

By Am't Gift to Rev. Stirewalt (St. Paul's) for Microscope	100 00
By Am't to Rev. Stirewalt for translating (from Miss A. V. Miller)	50 00
By Am't to Rev. Stirewalt for Memorandum Plates	33 50
By Am't to Rev. Brown from Winchester (for student support)	72 00
By Am't Gift for Library, from Mrs. F. P. Cover	100 00
By Am't Refund to Treas., A. H. Kohn (error in remittance)	50 00
By Am't to Dr. Greever, from Dr. Holland (money loaned)	200 00
By Am't for Transp'tion of Misses Akard and Bowers.	450 00
By Am't for Miss Akard (special)	25 00
1914	
Oct. 15, By Balance on hand	2,615 47
	$ 52,576 01

JAPAN SCHOOL.

1912	Dr.	
Oct. 15, To Balance	$	.....
To Am't from all sources	$	712 47
1914.		
Oct. 15, To Balance on hand	$	712 47

MISSION LEAGUE.

1912	Dr.	
Oct. 15, To Balance	$	120 58
To Am't from all sources	$	.....
	$	120 58

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By Am't transferred to Foreign Mission account..... $ 120 58

JOHN A. CLINE, Treasurer.

Concord, N. C., October 15, 1914.

NOTE.

In the receipts above given, of $50,808.58, are included the following:

Money borrowed	$ 5,950 00
Annuity, Mrs. Lorick	500 00
For special Woman's work, counted extra	2,929 29
Hakata Building Fund, received and refunded	852 23
Received and forwarded gift, Winchester Church for Hakata lot	500 00
Trumpet Call, Emergency Fund, for Science Hall	4,700 00
Total outside regular channels	$ 15,431 52

Board of Home Missions reported. Report received and referred to Committee to Home Missions.

(No. 6.)

Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, appointed at the last convention of the United Synod, was composed of the following: Revs. R. L. Patterson, D. D.; M. M. Kinard, D. D.; V. Y. Boozer, C. K. Bell, John Hall, and B. B. Miller, Esq., and C. L. Kibler, M. D. This Board met in Charlotte, N. C., November 14, 1912, to perfect its organization, all members being present excepting Dr. Kibler. Rev. Dr. R. L. Patterson was elected President; Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Vice-President; Rev. Chas. K. Bell, Secretary; and Mr. T. Edgar Johnston, of Spencer, N. C., Treasurer. A bond for the Treasurer, to the amount of $3,000, was filed with the National Surety Co., 115 Broadway, New York. On account of his having assumed charge of the mission work at St. Petersburg, Fla., the resignation of Rev. John Hall, as a member of the Board, was accepted January 28, 1913.

The following report, together with the report of the Treasurer of the Board, is a summary statement of the work of the biennium. Twelve meetings were held during this time.

MISSION WORK CONTINUED.

Morristown-Greeneville, Tenn.—Rev. J. G. Graichen, in charge of this work during the biennium, has been giving faithful and satisfactory service. Plans are on foot for a new church building on a new site at Morristown, which is much needed. The Board has contributed $300 per year toward the support of the pastor.

Bristol, Va.-Tenn.—This mission was vacant until the spring of 1913, when Rev. E. L. Ritchie accepted the work. The pastorate is composed of one church in the town and two in the country.

The Board contributes to the support of the pastor $150 per year.

Bluefield (Graham), W. Va.—This field has been under the pastoral care of Rev. K. Y. Umberger, and has made commendable progress. The membership has increased during the biennium sixty per cent. A splendid new brick church and an elegant parsonage have been erected at a cost of about $15,000 at Bluefield. The pastorate is aided by the Board in support of the pastor to the extent of $264 per year. In the near future it will be necessary that the services of a pastor be devoted entirely to Bluefield.

Olympia Mills Church, Columbia, S. C.—Rev. C. E. Weltner relinquished this work in the spring of 1913. While he was yet pastor, the Board aided in his support to the extent of $100 per year. Since that time the South Carolina Synod has assumed the entire support of this work.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Rev. Dr. S. T. Hallman is pastor here. The mission has an excellent church building, paid for. The membership is 51, with an equal number in the Sunday school. The Board continues the appropriation of $180 per year.

Greenville, S. C.—Rev. C. L. Miller is devotedly serving this work. An imposing stone church building is nearing completion. On November 1, 1913, the Board paid the last installment of $1,000 on the $5,000 gift promised by the former Board toward the purchase of the lot. This work has been growing rapidly under the leadership of Pastor Miller, and promises to be a potent factor in the development of our mission territory in the Piedmont section of South Carolina. This congregation, which at its organization in 1910, enrolled 42 members, and two years ago reported 60, now has a membership of 75, and a Sunday school numbering 65. The Board pays toward the support of the pastor $450 per year.

Greensboro, N. C.—Rev. J. E. Shenk, pastor. The continued prosperity of this growing mission vindicates the wisdom of the United Synod in maintaining the work in this flourishing town. The membership of the congregation is 108, with a Sunday school of 101. The pastor receives a salary of $1,200, one-half of which is provided by the Board. The mission is burdened with a heavy indebtedness, but has a very valuable property.

Lenoir, N. C.—Rev. J. F. Deal, pastor. This mission-pastorate consists of three congregations, the principal one of which is located in the town, and has a splendid property, well located. The other two are small country congregations. We believe that there is a hopeful future for this work. The Board pays $400 per year on the salary.

Birmingham, Ala.—Rev. E. H. Copenhaver continues in charge of this work. Acting under the specific instructions of the United Synod at its late convention, the Board very promptly took up the consideration of the needs of this mission. Upon investigation, it was found that the piece of property alluded to on the floor of this Synod, by those familiar with the situation, was the most desirable that could be secured. Whereupon the Board authorized the purchase of this property, which cost $15,000, the Board assuming the payment of $5,000 of this amount, and pledging a loan of $5,000 from the Permanent Loan Fund, without interest for five years. The Board not having the money in hand to meet these obligations borrowed $2,500 in order to enable it to pay part of its pledged gift of $5,000 to the mission.

The lot purchased, which is elegantly situated for church purposes, has on it a large frame building which has been converted by the congregation into a temporary place of worship at a cost of $600. The Board appropriated $600 towards pastor's support. The pastor reports a membership of 82 in the mission.

This point has been designated by the Board as the Children's Mission of the United Synod. All funds, therefore, from this source are to pass through the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—This mission had been connected with the work at Lakeland, Fla., but was made a separate pastorate because of the great distance between the two points and the need of both fields having more pastoral attention. Rev. John Hall assumed charge of this work in January, 1913. The mission enrolls 44 members, and receives from the Board $100 per year on pastor's support. St. Petersburg is a prominent tourist city, visited by many of our Lutheran people.

Lakeland, Fla.—Lakeland had been without pastoral care for some time, until Rev. W. E. Pugh accepted the work last fall. During his pastorate marked improvements have been made, and the congregation has taken on new life. Forty-two members are enrolled, and the Sunday school numbers 50. The Board appropriates $100 towards pastor's support.

NEW WORK UNDERTAKEN.

Portsmouth, Va.—At the special recommendation of the United Synod, this mission of the Virginia Synod was taken up by the Board and an appropriation of $700 per year was made on pastor's salary. This mission, named Luther Memorial, enrolls 79 members, with Rev. W. A. Craun as pastor. Portsmouth is a very import-

ant town in the Tidewater section of Virginia, which promises to be one of the most encouraging fields for our Home Mission work.

Kannapolis, N. C.—A mission, connected with the North Carolina Synod, was organized in this thriving industrial town February 15, 1914, with 23 members. The name of the organization is "Kimball Memorial" Lutheran Church. Mr. J. W. Cannon, of Concord, N. C., a prominent cotton manufacturer, promised to execute a deed for a suitable church lot as soon as the congregation was ready to build. Mr. G. H. C. Park, of the senior class at the United Synod Seminary, became pastor in May, 1914, at a salary of $800, of which amount the Board pays $200.

Gastonia, N. C.—In January, 1914, at the request of the Executive Committee of Missions of the N. C. Conference of the Tennessee Synod, the Board appropriated $250 to aid in the support of a pastor at this point, which was made a pastorate separate from the two other congregations with which it was formerly connected. This appropriation was made with the understanding that it be reduced each year by at least $50. Rev. J. C. Dietz is pastor, on a salary of $1,000.

East Charlotte, Charlotte, N. C.—Upon the request of its President and General Secretary, the Board appropriated $75 to the compensation of a theological student for work during the summer months of 1914 in the prospective mission field of East Charlotte, an equal amount being paid by St. Mark's Church, of the city.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—October 12, 1913, a church organization was effected at this point by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., of the Holston Synod, the General Secretary of the Board being also present. The congregation asked for assistance from the Board in the support of a pastor. October 1, 1914, Rev. L. B. Spracher, of Salisbury, N. C., assumed pastoral charge of this work at a salary of $1,000 per year, $400 of which is to be provided by the congregation, $100 by the Holston Synod, and $500 by this Board. The pastor at Chattanooga is designated specially as the missionary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the North Carolina Synod.

Macon, Ga.—A promising mission with 18 members was organized here March 1, 1914, by Rev. T. B. Epting, of Brunswick, Ga. Mr. P. C. Weber, of the senior class at the Chicago Seminary, accepted the work at a salary of $800, of which this Board pays $400, the congregation $300, and the Georgia Synod $100.

Field Missionary in Mississippi.—At the urgent request of the Mississippi Synod, the Board decided to inaugurate this movement with a view of building up our mission interests in this territory. Rev. T. B. Epting, of Brunswick, Ga., accepted this position

and began work April 1, 1914, at a salary of $1,200, of which amount the Mississippi Synod is to pay $400, the Young People's societies of the South Carolina Synod $500, and the Board $300. The Field Missionary is to be located at Jackson, and efforts are to be made to first establish our church in that city.

Lingle, Miss.—The Board made an appropriation of $120 per year to supplement the salary of Rev. A. W. Ballentine, who has been faithfully serving this pastorate of two congregations in this needy mission field.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Raleigh, N. C.—This point was especially commended to the attention of the Board by the United Synod at its late convention. The mission there is under the pastoral care of Rev. J. L. Morgan, supported wholly by the North Carolina Synod. The great need of the work was a church lot and building. After some difficulty and delay, a most desirable lot was secured, on July 19, 1913, at a cost of $4,750, and the work of building thereon was begun promptly. The Board approved the plans, and the beautiful brick structure is now nearing completion, the cost of the building being $8,000. The Board pledged a gift to the mission of $4,750, of which $1,000 was paid in July, 1914, the remainder, $3,750, being an outstanding obligation of the Board. The timely aid of Mr. J. H. Rehder, of Wilmington, N. C., is hereby acknowledged, who advanced the money in the purchase of the lot and also met the interest on the purchase price for one year.

Spencer, N. C.—June 30, 1914, a loan was made to Calvary Church, at this place, Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D., pastor, from the Permanent Loan Fund, of $1,000, without interest. This loan was adequately secured by notes, and is to be fully paid back by July 1, 1916. This loan was used to advance the work on their church building.

Greenville, S. C.—On January 6, 1914, a loan of $1,000, without interest from the Permanent Loan Fund was made to this mission to aid in their work of church building, said loan being adequately secured, and to be returned within the year 1914.

Bluefield, W. Va.—A loan was granted to this mission in April, 1914, of $1,000, to aid in the erection of their new church building. This amount was taken from the Permanent Loan Fund, and is adequately secured by notes of the trustees, properly endorsed. The loan is to be fully returned, without interest, by January 1, 1916.

Richmond, Va.—A committee from the Virginia Synod, on October 16, 1913, communicated the request of that body, at its convention in 1913, for aid from the Board to the extent of a loan of $4,000, to relieve the indebtedness of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Richmond, Va.. Being unable to comply with this request, the Board agreed to pay interest on $2,000 for one year at six per cent., beginning December 16, 1913, and on $4,000 at the same rate, for the years beginning December 16, 1914, and 1915.

Along with a remittance of $887 from the Virginia Synod to this Board for Church Extension, came the request of the Virginia Synod that $800 of this amount be loaned to the First English Evangeilcal Lutheran Church of Richmond, Va., for five years without interest. This was granted, and upon an urgent call from the Church at Richmond, this amount of $800 was forwarded before note had been secured for the same. This note has since been received.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

Pursuant to the instructions of the United Synod, the Board devoted its attention to the matter of securing a suitable person to fill the office of General Secretary, to serve under the rules adopted by the Board for the government of this office. Rev. R. S. Patterson, pastor at Coatesville, Pa., accepted this work and office, and entered upon his duties May 1, 1913, fixing his residence at Charlotte, N. C. The Board fixed his salary at $1,200 per year, with $300 per year for house rent, and an allowance was added of $150 for moving expenses. The Board has repeatedly expressed its gratification with the work of the General Secretary in promoting interest in the cause, and with his energetic efforts in developing the financial resources of the Board, especially with reference to the Permanent Loan Fund for Church Extension.

PERMANENT LOAN FUND FOR CHURCH EXTENSION.

At the last convention of this body, the Board was directed to establish a perpetual Church Extension Loan Fund of $50,000. On December 31, 1912, an annuity gift of $500, bearing six per cent. interest semi-annually, was accepted by the Board from Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim, of Charlotte, N. C. This amount, together with the $500 contributed in April, 1907, as a gift for this purpose by Miss Ada V. Miller, New Market, Va., became the nucleus of the Permanent Loan Fund for Church Extension in the United Synod. Through the activities of the General Secretary, by the

method designated by him "The Old Guard," this has been increased, in cash and good subscriptions, to $10,500, of which amount $6,626 is cash.

MISCELLANEOUS.

2. *Work Among Negroes.*—In December, 1912, the Board received a communication from the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, General Superintendent of English Home Missions of the General Council, relative to mission work among the negroes of the South. The President was authorized to inform Dr. Kunzmann that, in the judgment of the Board, it is not now feasible for us to begin work among the colored people.

3. *Tracts Published.*—During the biennium, at the instance of the General Secretary of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement, two tracts were published for free distribution in the "every-member" campaign. These two tracts were entitled "Stop the Leaks," and "The Old Guard."

4. *Luther Day Services.*—A special Home Mission service for the Reformation season was prepared and published each year of the biennium by order of the Board for use in the Sunday schools. These services were generally used, and with apparently excellent results.

5. It was with sincere regret that the Board learned of the physical disability of its President, which necessitated his relinquishing the duties of that office, September 17, 1914. The other members of the Board, in his absence, took up and endeavored to complete the work as best they could.

It should be a matter of the greatest gratification to this body to know that all the missions under the direction of the Board, seventeen in number, are at present supplied with faithful pastoral service, and are making encouraging progress, according to their varying circumstances, in spiritual and material development.

RECOMMENDATION.

Your Board would recommend that, for the ensuing biennium, the same amounts be apportioned to the District Synods for Home Missions and Church Extension as were apportioned for the past biennum.

Fully aware of the many imperfections attending the administration of this work, your Board sincerely trusts that its successors in office may secure greater results in the enlarged Home Mission field upon which we have entered.

With profound thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity He has granted to this cause, this report is respectfully submitted.

V. Y. BOOZER,
M. M. KINARD,
B. B. MILLER,
C. K. BELL.
C. L. KIBLER.

October 1, 1914.

Report of T. E. Johnston, Treasurer of Home Missions and Church Extension.

October 1, 1912-October 1, 1914.

Receipts Account of Church Extension.

Virginia Synod	$	745 32
Southwestern Virginia Synod		383 94
Tennessee Synod		22 56
Holston Synod		2 00
Georgia Synod		189 63
Bequest—S. E. and G. W. Cover		50 00
Bequest—J. B. Hyler		70 00
Total	$	1,463 45
Amount rec'd from Home Mission account		4,704 21
	$	**6,167 66**

Disbursements Account Church Extension.

October 1, 1912-1914:

Rev. C. L. Miller, church lot, Greenville, S. C.	$	500 00
Rev. C. L. Miller, 5 year loan, Greenville, S. C., Church.		1,000 00
Rev. C. L. Miller, Int. on Notes, Greenville, S. C., Church		136 66
Mr. J. W. Keith, Treas., 5 year loan, Richmond, Va., Church		800 00
Mr. J. W. Keith, Int. on $2,000 of debt 1 year, Church.		120 00
Mr. J. W. Minor, Note, Birmingham, Ala. Loan		2,500 00
Rev. J. L. Morgan, church lot, Raleigh, N. C.		1,000 00
Rev. J. L. Morgan, church lot, Int. on notes		111 00
	$	**6,167 66**

Receipts Account of Home Missions.

October 1, 1912-1914:

Cash on hand October 1, 1912		$ 2,436 54
Virginia Synod		3,014 86
Southwestern Virginia Synod, W. H. & F. M. Societies	$321 11	
Southwestern Virginia Synod	915 05	1,236 16
Tennessee Synod		1,219 50
Holston Synod		662 77
Georgia Synod		1,078 75
North Carolina Synod		2,878 99
North Carolina Synod, W. H. & F. M. Soc.		600 00
South Carolina Synod, W. H. & F. M. Soc.	$ 250 00	
South Carolina Synod	2,150 44	2,400 44
Mississippi Synod		70 40
Woman's H. & F. M. Soc., S. C. Synod, Payment on Loan		100 00
Cash collections by Dr. R. S. Patterson, Gen. Sec.		28 00
Cash, refunded expenses traveling, Dr. R. S. Patterson.		45 67
Amount borrowed Wachovia Bank, Spencer, N. C.		2,500 00
Int. on balances with Wachovia Bank, Spencer, N. C.		106 44
Synodical Exp., re'd by error, S. W. Va. Synod (Ret'd)		1 24
		$ 18,379 76

Home Missions. Disbursements.

October 1, 1912-1914:

Am't paid to S. W. Virginia Synod Missions		$ 765 50
Am't paid to North Carolina Synod Missions		1,329 03
Am't paid to Tennessee Synod Missions		799 99
Am't paid to Holston Synod Missions		662 50
Am't paid to South Carolina Synod Missions		1,368 29
Am't paid to Georgia Synod Missions (Ga.)	$149 98	
Am't paid to Georgia Synod Missions (Fla.)	286 60	436 62
Am't paid to Georgia Synod Missions (Ala.)	1,200 00	1,636 62
Am't paid to Virginia Synod Missions		779 06
Am't paid to Mississippi Synod Missions		656 62
Am't paid to Mrs. A. E. Bernheim, Interest on Annuity, 4 payments		360 00
Am't paid to Dr. G. D. Bernheim, Interest on Annuity		45 00
Am't paid to Dr. C. L. Kibler, Sem'y (Thompson Notes)		200 00
Am't paid to Expenses of Board Meetings		113 85
Am't paid to Expenses to Synod Meetings		94 20

Am't paid to Stationery for the Board		33 30
Am't paid to Literature sent out		337 27
Am't paid to Salary, 17 months, Dr. R. S. Patterson	$1,700 00	
Am't paid to House rent, 17 months, Dr. R. S. Patterson	425 00	2,125 00
Am't paid to Traveling Exp., Dr. R. S. Patterson		569 79
Am't paid to Dr. R. L. Patterson, Ch'man., Trav. Exp., Postage, etc.		46 39
Am't paid to Mr. T. E. Johnston, Treas., Postage, Book		8 95
Am't paid to Interest on $2,500 Note, Wachovia Bank, Spencer, N. C.		75 00
Am't paid to Permanent Loan Fund, Miss Ada Miller gift transferred		500 00
Am't paid to Synodical Exp., refunded Treas. S. W. Va. Synod		1 24
Am't paid to Premium on Bond of Treasurer, 2 years		15 00
		$ 12,522 60
Am't Used by Church Extension work		4,704 21
Cash on hand—balance		1,152 95
		$ 18,379 76

Permanent Loan Fund.

May 1, 1913-October 1, 1914:

Total receipts from all sources		$ 6,626 26

Disbursements.

Am't Loaned Greenville, S. C.	$1,000 00	
Am't Loaned St. Petersburg, Fla.	1,000 00	
Am't Loaned Raleigh, N. C.	1,500 00	
Am't Loaned Bluefield, W. Va.	1,000 00	
Am't Loaned Spencer, N. C.	1,000 00	
Total	$5,500 00	
Am't Cash on hand	1,126 26	
		$ 6,626 26

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

We, your Committee, appointed to audit the books of Mr. T. Edgar Johnston, Treasurer, beg to submit the following report:

Balance in treasury last report	$ 2,436 54	
Total receipts, Home Missions and Church Extension Fund	17,406 67	
Total receipts, Permanent Loan Fund	6,626 26	
		$ 26,469 47
Total disbursements, Home Missions and Church Extension Fund	$18,690 26	
Total disbursements, Permanent Loan Fund	5,500 00	
		$ 24,190 26
Leaving a balance on hand		$ 2,279 21

A. H. Snider,
W. T. Busby,
Auditing Committee.

Salisbury, N. C., October 3, 1914.

All visiting Lutheran ministers were accorded the privileges of the floor.

Rev. Wm. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Associate Editor of General Council Publications, was also received as an advisory member.

On motion, Rev. C. K. Lippard, one of the United Synod's missionaries of Saga, Japan, and a member of the Japanese Evangelical Lutheran Conference, was received in his official capacity, and accorded the privilege of the floor of this Synod.

The President of Synod was, on motion, authorized to telegraph the congratulations of this Synod to Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., on this his 70th birthday.

Rev. A. G. Voigt read the report of the committee appointed at our last convention "to propose a plan for the creation of a committee to be known as the Executive Committee of the United Synod." (See p. 101, Session of 1912.)

This report was received to be considered at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Synod adjourned with the Lord's Prayer, led by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

At 8 p. m., Vesper services were conducted by Rev. C. L. Miller. Address on Foreign Missions by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., and on Home Missions by Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday, November 11, 1914, 9:30 A. M.

Synod met and was opened with devotional services led by Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe.

Roll was called and minutes of the sessions of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. P. M. Bikle, D.D., official representative of the General Synod, was received and made an advisory member.

The consideration of the report on the plan for the creation of an Executive Committee was resumed.

The report was finally adopted as follows:

(No. 7.)

Report of Committee on Proposed Executive Committee.

The instructions given to this committee are found on page 101 of the minutes of the Thirteenth Convention of the United Synod, and read as follows:

"A committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to propose to this body two years hence, a plan for the creation of a committee to be known as the Executive Committee of the United Synod and whose further duty it shall be to propose the organization, powers and functions of such committee and suggest rules for its guidance."

In accordance with these instructions your committee presents for your consideration and recommends for your approval the following plan:

I. An Executive Committee shall be and hereby is constituted, consisting of the President of the United Synod and four other members, to be nominated by him, the nomination to be ratified by the United Synod, two of whom shall be laymen, and no two of whom shall be members of the same District Synod.

II. The special functions of this Executive Committee shall be to assist the President of the United Synod in seeing that the purpose of this body, as expressed in its resolutions and actions, shall be carried into effect, and also to coordinate the various operations of the United Synod in educational, missionary, charitable and publication work, so that no part shall suffer by neglect or lack of proportionate provision.

III. In order that the committee may be enabled to fulfill its functions, it shall be vested with powers as here and now defined, viz:

1. The Executive Committee shall have power in the name of the United Synod to transact and execute, in the interim between its conventions, all business necessary to carry out the resolutions and orders of the United Synod, except insofar as the execution of such business has already been or shall be committed to the officers of the United Synod or to its several Boards.

2. It shall have the power and the duty to require from all Boards, created by the United Synod, one month before any regular convention of the United Synod, a financial statement of total receipts and expenditures during the preceding biennium, and also a statement of the prospective needs of funds for the ensuing biennium.

3. The committee shall prepare and recommend to the United Synod at its regular convention a budget of the funds required to prosecute effectively all the operations of the United Synod, on the basis of which this body may judiciously make necessary appropriations and apportionments.

4. Whenever any Board or committee, created by the United Synod, shall deem it necessary, in order to meet an emergency, to appeal to the Church for any sum exceeding one thousand dollars, over and above what has been apportioned for its work by the United Synod, it shall first lay its plans before the Executive Committee and obtain its approval and ratification. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to meet and act upon such proposed plans within one month after they have been received by the President, and if it fails to act upon them, the Board concerned shall have authority to act according to its discretion.

5. By the adoption of the preceding items 2 and 3 of this Section III of this report, the action of the United Synod, recorded on page 88 of the minutes of the twelfth convention, giving to the Committee on Finance the power to call for estimates of appropriations from the several Boards and to formulate a plan for financing the work of the United Synod, shall be rescinded. (Item 6, Report of Committee on Finance, Minutes twelfth convention). This committee was changed to the Committee on Finance and Apportionment at the last convention of the United Synod.

IV. The organization of the Executive Committee and the government of its operations shall be in accordance with the following rules:

1. The Executive Committee shall be called to meet by the President of the United Synod immediately after the adjournment of a regular convention to organize and to transact such other business as may be necessary.

2. Its officers shall consist of a president and a secretary, whose duties shall be those ordinarily attaching to these offices. The President of the United Synod shall be ex-officio president of the Executive Committee. The secretary shall be elected by ballot.

3. The expenses of the members in attending meetings or otherwise performing their duties shall be paid from the treasury of the United Synod. The amount of such expense shall be reported to the President, who shall give the necessary order on the Treasurer for its payment.

4. The committee shall meet at the call of the President at the time and place designated by him.

5. In case a vacancy occurs from any cause, the President shall have power to fill it by appointment, and shall do so without unreasonable delay.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
GEO. B. CROMER.

The following Executive Committee was nominated and elected (see list of Committees): Revs. J. A. Morehead, D. D., M. M. Kinard, D.D., H. L. Bonham and Hon. C. M. Efird.

It was,

Resolved, That delegates of this Body to other general bodies, and the fraternal delegates of other general bodies to the United Synod be heard from on Thursday at 10:30 a. m.

The Board of Publication presented its report, which was referred to the Committee on Board of Publication.

(No. 8.)

Report of Board of Publication.

Your Board of Publication respectfully reports that during the past biennium it has, by frequent meetings and careful counsel, sought to conserve and advance the publication interests of the United Synod. The Board fully realizes the central importance of these interests both in themselves considered and in relation to all other departments of the work of the Church. It is fully sensible of the responsibility resting upon it and, as a servant and steward of the United Synod, has labored that it may be found faithful.

PROPERTY.

Our publication building is in good condition and, so far from decreasing, has steadily risen in value. The first floor is admirably suited to our business. The three upper stories, leased for an apartment hotel, continue to be a source of income and help to offset the unavoidable annual loss entailed in the publication of the *Visitor* and *Tidings*. The annex, used as a printery, shows no signs of wear and fully justifies the substantial manner of its construction. The printing department, under the efficient management of Mr. M. L. Farrell, is likewise a source of revenue to the Board. The purchase of an additional linotype machine and automatic feeder has been made necessary by the increasing volume of business.

BOOK AND GENERAL LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

The Board in its bookstore carries a large and select stock of Bibles, Book of Worship, hymnals, theological and devotional books, Church and Sunday school supplies, etc., and is prepared to fill all orders for the same promptly and acceptably. During the biennium it published a new edition of Dr. Hawkin's Catechism, No. 1, a revised edition of Dr. Voigt's "Primer of Lutheranism," a shaped note edition of Dr. Cronk's Sunday School Hymnal, and a first edition of Dr. Gerberding's "Problems and Possibilities." A catalogue of forty pages has also been published and a United Synod Almanac is now in preparation and will appear at an early date. The Board has continued to act as the agent of the Book of Worship. Since April 1, 1914, the new agreement, entered into by the Board and the United Synod, has been in force, to wit: that the Board of Publication shall pay into the treasury of the United Synod a royalty on all sales of the Book of Worship of three (3) per cent. of the selling price of all styles of the book.

PERIODICALS.

The Board reports no new periodicals. The every-home-circulation of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* was undertaken and energetically pressed, resulting in a circulation of about 6,700, a figure which sets the highwater mark. An ebbing tide has reduced the subscription to about 6,200. Many clubs which were secured a year ago will expire within the next three months, and it is earnestly hoped that our pastors will make a strong effort to obtain their renewals at the same club rates—$1 per copy per year

for a club of sixty members, or for seventy-five per cent. of the resident families, all subscriptions in the case of each club to expire on the same date. *Tidings,* of which Mrs. E. C. Cronk is the able editor, is the official Sunday school and Missionary Journal of the United Synod, just as the *Lutheran Church Visitor* is its official organ. This monthly paper has a circulation of about 5,000. The figure should be doubled and trebled for the sake of the more than 30,000 children in our Sunday schools, just as the circulation of the *Visitor* should be doubled and trebled for the sake of the parents and all our people. Ultimately through the information thus given and the interest awakened—the Church would receive a doubled and trebled benefit. The Board of Publication is also the printer of the new Inter-Lutheran weekly journal, the *American Lutheran Survey.* The Survey Publishing Company has installed the additional equipment necessary for the production of this journal.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

In the summer of 1913, the Board gave Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., Manager and Editor of the *Visitor,* a two months' leave of absence for the purpose of making a trip to Europe, on condition that Dr. Greever provide his own supply for the editorship of the *Visitor.* The visit was made in the interest of the *American Lutheran Survey* which was at that time under contemplation. On his return from Europe the *Survey* enterprise seemed so far assured that Dr. Greever offered his resignation to the Board, but the resignation was not accepted until early in 1914. The resignation went into effect on March 31, 1914, although Dr. Greever continued to serve as supply-manager and editor during the month of April. At the March meeting of the Board Rev. John W. Horine was elected manager and editor of the *Lutheran Church Visitor.* A call was extended to him, which was accepted, and the new manager and editor assumed the duties of his position early in May.

FINANCES.

Soon after the Board occupied the new building it found itself necessitated by the general expansion of the business (purchase of stock and giving credit and granting extension of credit) to enlarge its operating capital. It therefore borrowed $9,000 on the building from the Virginia Life Insurance Company for five years at 6 per cent. interest and at once began to provide for a sinking fund through subscription to Building and Loan stock

to which payments of $90 per month are made. This sum of $9,000 is offset by the stock of books and general literature, plus collectible accounts on stock sold, after all outstanding bills on account of stock are paid. The Board preferred to adopt this course rather than float loans through the banks. At the present time the Board is passing through a period of financial stress on account of the extreme difficulty in making collections. As the patrons of our publication business are our own people (churches, Sunday schools and individuals), the Board looks to them for relief in the present emergency. Not less than $5,000 are due the Board on customers' accounts.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

In March, 1914, the books of the Board were audited by an expert accountant. His report was accepted by the Board and a copy of the same accompanies this report. Omitting details, the following summaries are given. The financial statement is as of March 31, 1914.

ASSETS.

Customers' Accounts	$5,458 20
*United Synod E. L. Church, South	491 27

ASSETS.

Petty cash			$ 50 00
Cash on hand and in banks			2,790 62
Real Estate (Sumter Street lot Est)			16,000 00
Sumter Street building (cost, exclusive of annex)			26,519 16
Inventory Accounts:			
Editorial Library, book value	$ 129 97		
Furniture and Fixtures, book value	1,403 42		
Machinery and Equipment, book value	16,088 52		
Book of Worship, (Invoice)	1,439 63		
Sunday School Hymnals, (Invoice)	714 00		
Merchandise on Hand, (Invoice)	3,898 11		
Printing Dept. Supplies, (Invoice)	2,585 06	—$ 26,258 71	
Total			$ 77,567 96

*Printing of Minutes; cancelled by royalty on Book of Worship.

LIABILITIES.

Accounts Payable	$ 2,767 47	
Bills Payable	15,067 90—	$ 17,835 37
		$ 59,732 59

NET ASSETS.

Investment Account.

Property Fund	$ 9,098 82	
Real Estate Profits	54,663 54—	$ 63,762 36
Investment impaired as follows:		
Net Loss, 1910-1912	$ 2,435 47	
Net Loss, 1912-1914	594 30—	4,029 77
Book Value of Investment Account		$ 59,732 59

Trading Accounts.

Department.	Trad'g Prf't.	Trad'g Loss
Printing Department	$ 5,626 82	
Composing Department	4,141 80	
Bindery Department	2,192 43	
Sales Department		$ 347 57
Book of Worship	1,714 71	
S. S. Hymnals	276 23	
Lutheran Church Visitor		4,359 32
Tidings		586 55
Total profits and losses	$ 13,951 99	$ 5,293 44
Net Trading Profit forward to General Profit and Loss Account		8,658 55
	$ 13,951 99	$ 13,951 99

BOOK PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

March 31, 1912, *to March* 31, 1914.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Campaign Expenses	$ 306 25
Commissions	9 67
Dedication Expenses	188 74
Freight and Express	384 97
Fuel	1,006 65

Insurance		913 10
Interest and Discount		228 25
Office Expenses		486 45
Janitor's Service		936 00
Postage		766 82
Repairs to Building		26 65
Salaries (not charged to departments)		6,345 00
Traveling Expenses		37 80
Taxes		524 50
Water Rent		178 83
Sundry Expense Items	$408 72	
Deduct Errors on Voucher Record	17 25—	391 47
Total undivided expense		$ 12,731 15

EARNINGS.

Net Trading Profits	$8,658 55	
Rents	3,478 30	
Total earnings		$ 12,136 85
Net Loss for period as per books		$ 594 30

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER,
President,
JOHN W. HORINE,
Manager.

The Board of Education made its report. Referred to Committee on Board of Education.

(No. 9.)

Report of Board of Education.

In compliance with the action of the United Synod, (see Minutes, 1912, pp. 56, 106) the Board of Education met in Columbia, S. C., February 17, 1914. It organized by adopting the Constitution herewith submitted:

Article I.—The Name.

The Name of this Board shall be, The Board of Education of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Article II.—The Object.

The object of this Board shall be to investigate the whole field of Education within the Synods of the United Synod, to promote the general cause of Christian Education in our Church, to maintain a friendly and fostering relationship between our Literary Institutions and the United Synod, and to perform such other duties pertaining to the work of Education as the United Synod may from time to time determine. It shall also present to each convention of the United Synod a full report of its proceedings, together with such recommendations as it may deem wise. It shall be authorized to collect, receive and disburse moneys entrusted to its administration for educational purposes, subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the United Synod.

Article III.—Membership.

The Board shall consist of seven members, to be selected at each regular convention of the United Synod, to serve for a term of two years. Vacancies occurring by death, resignation, or otherwise may be filled by election of the Board, members so elected to serve until the next regular convention of the United Synod.

Article IV.—Officers.

The Officers of this Board shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board following a regular convention of the United Synod, and shall serve for a term of two years. Their duties shall be such as are usually discharged by these officers.

Article V.—Standing Committees.

At each meeting of the Board, next following a regular convention of the United Synod, the President shall appoint two standing committees, to serve for two years:

1. *The Executive Commitee.* This committee shall consist of four members, of whom the President shall be one This committee shall prepare the program for the meetings of the Board, assign to individual members of the Board such work as may be necessary, devise ways and means for the furtherance of the work of the Board, and shall act for the Board in such emergencies as may arise calling for immediate action.

2. *The Finance Committee.* This committee shall consist of three members, of whom the Treasurer shall be one. It shall be the duty of this Committee to devise ways and means for the

raising of such moneys as the work of the Board may require, to be submitted to the United Synod for approval.

Article VI.—Meetings.

This Board shall hold at least one regular meeting in each year at such time and place as the Board or the Executive Committee shall determine, provided that the meeting for the organization shall be held within two months after the adjournment of each regular convention of the United Synod.

Special meetings shall be held at the call of the President or of three members of the Board.

Article VII.—Quorum.

Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VIII.—Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by a two-thirds vote of the members present: Provided, however, That such amendment shall have been communicated in writing to each member of the Board not less than two months prior to the meeting at which it is to be acted upon; and such amendment shall be reported to the United Synod for its approval.

The Officers elected in accordance with this Constitution are as follows:

President—Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D.

Vice-President—Dr. Geo. B. Cromer.

Secretary—Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin.

Treasurer—Rev. J. H. Wannemacher.

Executive Committee—The President, ex-officio, A. D. R. Hancher, Geo. B. Cromer and C. P. MacLaughlin.

Finance Committee—The Treasurer, ex-officio, Geo. B. Cromer and C. P. MacLaughlin.

Every member of the Board was present at this meeting. After careful and deliberate discussion it was resolved to hold an Educational Conference in June, to which all literary and theological institutions of the Lutheran Church on our territory should be invited.

In accordance with this resolution the First Educational Conference, under the auspices of the Board of Education of the United Synod, was held at Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., June 17 and 18, 1914. The general subject of the discussion was, "The

Aim and Scope of Christian Education." It was developed under twelve heads, by men representing the ten institutions on the territory of our Southern Church. The papers were thoroughly discussed. Both in the papers and in their discussion there was a frankness of expression and an insight into the problems which confront us which presage harmony, cooperation and efficient service in the future. Difficult problems confront us in our educational work, and it will take years of patient and painstaking effort to coordinate all the interests so as to conserve rights of individuals and yet further Christian education as a force among us. The attendance at the Conference was most gratifying. Every member of the Board was present, and every institution was represented by one or more delegates from their faculties and Boards.

The subjoined resolutions and motions were unanimously adopted by the Conference:

1. The Board of Education deserve commendation for the arrangement of the Conference; for its excellent program; and its selection of timely and relevant subjects for discussions.

2. The aim of our existing Church Institutions, with the exception of the Theological Seminary, is and should continue to be to provide that general education and culture, which fits for life in any vocation; and the courses of study should be arranged with that end in view.

3. The special object of Church Institutions is to give such education as has been indicated in connection with positive religious influence.

4. The educational interest of the Church, as represented in the United Synod, demand cooperation, comity, and a mutually helpful attitude among its institutions. Such friendly and helpful relations among our institutions may be furthered by conferences, such as this now assembled, and the occasional meeting together of the heads of the different schools to consult about questions on curriculum, degrees, discipline, terms of transfer of students, from one institution to the other, and common interests generally.

5. Our synods and pastors should continue to press upon the attention of our people the importance of Christian education, and the need of loyal support and adequate equipment and maintenance of our schools.

6. It is the sense of this committee that all of the Church schools for men in the United Synod, having in mind the urgent need of more able and consecrated ministers for the work of the Church, should give urgent attention to dicharging their obliga-

tions to influence suitable men to enter the ministry of the Church.

7. That it is the sense of this Conference that it is a good thing for the Board of Education to be associated with the Council of Church Boards of Education in the United States.

8. That it is the sense of this Conference that it would be well for the Committee on Cooperation of the United Synod to enter into the plan proposed by the other general bodies to raise Five Million Dollars for Education and Missions during the next three years.

9. That the Board of Education be requested to arrange for another Educational Conference a year hence.

10. That the Board of Education be asked to suggest to the United Synod the advisability of a Sunday each year to be known as Education Sunday.

A copy of the program of the First Educational Conference is attached to this report.

Copies of the catalogue of the various institutions for the biennium have been received by the Board and are on file. It may be of interest to note the affiliation and the progress of each institution.

The Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., is owned and controlled by the United Synod. The dean's home has been finished, and is occupied. The third Professor, Dr. J. C. Seegers, has been called and has entered upon his active duties. Twenty-one students were enrolled during 1912-1913, and sixteen during 1913-1914.

Roanoke College, Salem, Va., under the control of Virginia and Southwestern Virginia Synods, was attended by 167 students in 1912-1913, and by 174 in 1913-1914. Nineteen professors constitute the faculty, and to this force have been added one instructor and two assistants. The endowment has been increased by $6,000, and now totals $143,720.

Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., is owned and controlled by the South Carolina Synod. The present gymnasium is being converted into a Y. M. C. A. Hall, to be known as the "Karl Monts Counts Memorial," and a new gymnasium will be erected near the new athletic grounds. A faculty of fifteen professors hae instructed 194 students in 1912-1913, and 182 in 1913-1914.

Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., is owned and managed by the Tennessee Synod. It is co-educational with a faculty of fifteen professors, who instructed 250 students in 1912-1913, and 287 in 1913-1914. Extensive plans for the further development of its valuable plant are being considered.

Mt. Amoena Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., is the property of the North Carolina Synod. The 43 students in 1912-1913, and the 78 in 1913-1914 were instructed by a faculty of nine professors.

The Collegiate Institute, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., is conducted under the auspices of the North Carolina Synod. It has a faculty of six professors and a student body in 1912-1913 of 108, and in 1913-1914 of 102.

Roanoke Woman's College, Salem, Va., is operated by the Synods of Virginia and of Southwestern Virginia, and has a faculty of thirteen professors. During 1912-1913 there were 70 students in attendance, and during 1913-1914 there were 100 students. A room has been arranged for a library, and a valuable nucleus of books is on the shelves.

Summerland College, Leesville, S. C., is the property of the South Carolina Synod, and is operating under a faculty of eight professors with several lecturers. There were 47 students enrolled in 1912-1913 and 75 students in 1913-1914.

Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N. C., is not affiliated with any Synod. It has a faculty of twenty-one professors, with an attendance in 1912-1913 of 191 students and in 1913-1914 of 190 students.

Marion College, Marion, Va., is not connected with any Synod. There is a faculty of eleven professors, and an enrollment in 1912-1913 of 90 students, and in 1913-1914 of 119 students.

It appears from this account that 629 young men and 694 young women, a total of 1,323, were in attendance at our various institutions during 1913-1914, under the efficient leadership of 120 professors. Our institutions are well equipped for the work which they are doing, and deserve the loyal support of the whole church. Large and important possibilities present themselves for consideration and adjustment. Within the limited time at its disposal your Board has not begun to realize their full scope. It hopes, however, to be able eventually to co-ordinate and systematize the educational work within the United Synod, so as to produce harmony and efficiency of service.

To accomplish these results, even partially, it will be necessary to hold conferences and meetings of the Board, and prepare and disseminate reports and information. We would request of the United Synod such funds as to meet these necessary expenses. In compliance with the resolution passed at the Educational Conference, your Board would suggest that the first Sunday in June be designated as Education Sunday, and that the special offering of that day be devoted to the needs of this Board.

The expenses of printing, etc., in connection with the First Education Conference, amounting to $6, have been borne by a member of the Board, and it is recommended that the United Synod reimburse him to that amount. Further, that the Board be authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of its Constitution printed in separate form.

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Education,

W. HOPPE, President.

PROGRAMME FIRST EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE UNDER AUSPICES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

General subject, "The Aim and Scope of Christian Education."

First session: Wednesday, 3 p. m., Opening service. Introductory remarks, Dr. W. Hoppe, President of the Board. "The First Duty of a Church School, What is It?"—Dr. J. Henry Harms. "Church College Courses, How Far Extended Should They Be?"—Prof. R. A. Goodman. "What Constitutes an Acceptable Bachelor's Degree?"—Dr. Chas. B. King. "What Constitutes Religious Education in Undergraduate Work?"—Prof. G. F. McAllister. "How can the Religious Element be made Real and Effective?"—Prof. John C. Peery.

Second session: Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Address, "The Place of the Church School in the Educational Work of the Republic."—Dr. J. A. Morehead. Address, "The Duty of the Church to its Educational Institutions."—Dr. A. G. Voigt.

Third session: Thursday, 9 a. m.—Open conference. "The Future of the Denominational School"—Dr. R. L. Fritz. "Do we have too many schools in the United Synod?"—Dr. L. A. Fox. "What Can the United Synod do to Advance the Educational Interests of the Church?"—Prof. P. E. Monroe. "Are the Standards of Scholarship Growing or Weakening?"—Dr. Henderson N. Miller. "What Principles Should Govern our Institutions in Granting Honorary Degrees?"—Dr. John C. Seegers. Discussion. Business. Adjournment.

Institutions represented—Roanoke College, Salem, Va., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., President; Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D., President; Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D., President; Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Prof. G. F. McAllister, M. A., Principal; Marion College for Women, Marion, Va., Rev. Henderson N. Miller, Ph.D., President; Mont Amoena Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Rev. R. A. Goodman, M.A., President; Summerland College for Women, Leesville, S. C., Rev. P. E. Monroe, M.A., President;

Roanoke Woman's College, Salem, Va., Rev. John C. Peery, M.A., President; Elizabeth College for Women, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. Chas. B. King, D.D., President; Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Dean.

The Board of Directors of Theological Seminary made its report. This report was referred to Committee on the Report of Theological Seminary.

(No. 10.)

Report of Board of Directors of Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors as constituted at the last meeting of the United Synod, met November 14, 1912, and organized by electing the following named members as its officers: Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President; Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Vice-President; A. H. Kohn, Secretary; Hon. C. M. Efird, Treasurer.

The attendance of the students at the Seminary during the session of 1912-1913 comprised twenty-one in all.: Eight in the Senior class, seven in the Middle class, and six in the Junior class. The entire Senior class received certificates of graduation at the close of the session. The two professors, during this session, were assisted by gratuitous services of Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., and Rev. C. E. Weltner, D.D.

During the session of 1913-1914, the attendance of students was sixteen in all.—one was a former graduate, who returned to pursue further studies in theology; one pursued a select course, as a special student; six were in the Senior class; six in the Middle class; and two in the Junior class.

Certificates of graduation were awarded to the Senior class at the close of the session, and certificates were awarded to the two who took special courses in the Seminary. The most of the teaching during the session was done by the two regular professors.

A liberal offer of Dr. R. Z. Thomas to teach the students pulpit elocution gratuitously was accepted, and every Monday morning during the greater part of the session Dr. Thomas went to the Seminary for the purpose indicated.

The Board of Directors gave suitable recognition of the kindness and interest thus manifested by Dr. Thomas.

There are at the present time in the Seminary fourteen students—six in the Senior class; two in the Middle class; and six in the Junior class.

We were gratified to be able to report that of the seven students who entered the Seminaries this session for the first time, six our at our own institution.

In accordance with instructions given the Board by this Synod at its last convention (Minutes, page 92), after deliberate and prayerful consideration, the Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., was called to the chair of Practical Theology in the Seminary. It is gratifying to the Church to know that Dr. Seegers accepted the call, and that he entered upon the service of the institution the first of last May.

We are most thankful that in the Providence of God, we have been able to secure this very able and energetic young brother as the third professor in our Seminary, and that he is at this time rendering most efficient and satisfactory work in his department. Dr. Seegers was installed on the 23rd of last September, Seminary Day.

The Board of Directors exercising the power vested in them by the United Synod, had constructed on one of the lots donated for that purpose, and separate from the one on which the Administration Building stands, a professor's house, at a cost of $5,872.79. The funds required for the building of this home were borrowed, for which the Board executed proper notes. The Dean and his family have been occupying this house for about a year.

For good reasons the Board decided it wise and best not to build the other professor's house during the biennium now closing.

The financial condition on Seminary buildings is as follows:

Total indebtedness on Administration Building and Professor's House	$ 20,850 00
Assets in subscription bonds and pledges	10,522 37
Leaving	$ 10,327 63

(for the payment of which no provision has been made).

Since the first of January, 1914, nothing has been done towards securing funds with which to cancel the indebtedness, as Rev. M. O. J. Kreps resigned as financial secretary of the Seminary in December, 1913, and said resignation took effect the first of this year. It is highly important that this Synod take proper action at this time to provide for this debt, and especially for the interest occurring annually until the full debt is paid.

The report of the Treasurer of the building fund, Dr. C. L. Kibler, has been audited by the Board, and is held subject to examination, if desired, by this body.

We submit the following summary of the last annual report of the Treasurer, the Hon. C. M. Efird:

Amount of Corpus	$	38,315 62
Amount loaned		38,402 19
Amount overloaned	$	86 57
Income account	$	4,498 37
Amount paid out		4,262 33
Cash on hand		149 33
Collections on Third Professor fund		886 00
Total cash on hand	$	1,035 33

The Board of Directors, realizing that there could hardly be any returns for the first year from the $2,500 appropriated to the Seminary annually by the Synod at its last convention, and which was to be apportioned among and raised by the several District Synods, sent out special appeals to the pastors and some friends for contributions in order to provide for the increased demands of the Seminary by the addition of another professor. The sum of $886, to which reference is made in the Treasurer's report, resulted from said appeals.

In order that annual current expenses of the Seminary may be met, the Board would urge that all District Synods composing the United Synod pay their respective apportionment for the Seminary, as laid upon them by this body at its last meeting.

Realizing the imperative need of a larger endowment for the Seminary, the Board of Directors at their last annual meeting unanimously resolved that the United Synod at this convention be requested to authorize the Board to launch a movement for the purpose of raising $50,000 additional endowment. We pray that this Synod will grant this request.

Through the active interest of Dr. Seegers, some handsome donations have been made to the Seminary Chapel. A mahogany altar was donated by Mrs. Mary Seegers; a lecturn of the same material by Dr. C. L. Kibler; carpet for the chancel and brass furnishings by Mrs. M. S. Habenicht. Mrs. Habenicht, our always faithful and generous friend, also gave, more than a year ago, $300 for the purpose of placing book racks in the Seminary Library. Dr. Seegers also obtained as a gift four slate blackboards from H. J. Steele, Esq., of Eastern Pennsylvania.

At the last annual meeting of the Board, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., resigned as President of the Board, and Rev. M. O. J.

Kreps was elected as his successor. Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D., was elected Vice-President.

At the meeting of the Board in May, 1913, the following was adopted:

"*Whereas,* It appears that, at the time of the failure of the Lexington Savings Bank, C. M. Efird, as Treasurer of the Seminary Fund, had several thousand dollars on deposit in the said Bank, and that he promptly made good the loss, mortgaging his individual property to do so;

"*Resolved,* That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter and report to this Board at its next meeting, to the end that the Board may be advised as to the property and advisability of recommending to the United Synod that Mr. Efird be relieved of this loss."

Dr. G. B. Cromer, Rev. C. A. Freed and Mr. A. H. Kohn were appointed the committee to make the above mentioned investigation.

At the last annual meeting of the Board in May 1914, the committee reported as follows:

"Your Committee had a conference with Mr. Efird in person, and he filed with the Committee, the affidavits attached to this report. These affidavits show that at the time of the failure of the bank of W. P. Roof, Mr. Efird had on deposit in the bank to his credit as Treasurer, the sum of $3,414.77.

"Mr. Efird states that he could have lent $1,400 of this amount on good collateral, as he had applications for loans to this amount; and he says that he feels that the loss of $1,400 of the amount was, therefore, due to his negligence in overlooking the fact that this amount was available for loans when he received the applications. It is his conclusion that this loss of $1,400 should be borne by him personally.

"The evidence before your Committee shows that Mr. Efird did not know that the Roof Bank was unsound. And, as the Board of Directors had not designated a bank in which he should keep his funds as Treasurer, this loss entails great hardship upon Mr. Efird. At the most, he was guilty of simple negligence, and the Committee regrets the he must suffer loss.

"In view of Mr. Efird's own conclusion that he should bear the loss of $1,400, your Committee recommends that he be relieved from liability for the loss of the amount that he had on deposit in excess of $1,400.

"It is proper to state that as soon as Mr. Efird discovered his loss he borrowed the money on his own property and made it good; and that this matter of asking the Synod to relieve him

was brought to the attention of the Board of Directors by friends of Mr. Efird on their own initiative."

The recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted by the Board, and you are requested to confirm that action.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS, President.

The Committee on Finance and Apportionment was received to be considered by items. Pending its consideration Synod adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. E. A. Repass. At 8 p. m. Vespers services were held in Ebenezer church led by Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe. Address on Orphan Home by Rev. J. Luther Frantz, on Inner Missions by Rev. E. A. Repass.

FOURTH SESSION.

Thursday, November 12, 1914, 9:30 A. M.

Synod assembled, and services were led by Rev. C. K. Hunton.

Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The report of Committee on Finance and Apportionment was taken up, and adopted as follows:

(No. 11.)

Report of Committee on Finance and Apportionment.

Your Committee would report that there were sent to the Chairman statements by the Treasurer of the United Synod, the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home. These all have been carefully considered and with regard to them we offer the following information and recommendations.

1. The Treasurer's statement shows a balance in hand of five hundred and eighty-four dollars and ninety-eight cents ($584.98), and dues on the one-half cent per capita assessment of fifty-four dollars and thirty cents ($54.30) from the South Carolina Synod, and sixty-one dollars and eighty-three cents ($61.83) from the Tennessee Synod; total due the treasurer, one hundred and sixteen dollars and thirteen cents ($116.13).

It is the judgment of your Committee that, with royalty from sales from the Book of Worship and the assets of the Treasury, the apportionment heretofore adopted of one-half cent per capita should be sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses of the Synod.

2. The Board of Foreign Missions presents, as the basis of its estimate of what will be needed per annum for the next biennium, the annual expense of conducting the Japan Mission as at present organized. The statement follows:

Exhibit "A"—I, II, III.

The Board feels compelled to ask for an annual apportionment of not less than $25,000 to maintain the work in its present proportions and efficiency. This amount will necessitate an increase of $5,000 annually over the former apportionment.

3. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension will show in its report the following disbursements for the biennium, October 1, 1912 to October 1, 1914.

On account of Home Missions	$12,522 60
On account of Church Extension	6,167 66
Total for Home Missions and Church Extension	$18,690 26

The Board ask for an apportionment of $25,000 annually, the same as that ordered by the Synod in 1912, and says that nothing less than the amount asked for will enable the succeeding Board to administer the Home Mission interests adequately.

4. It appears from the reports of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary in recent years that the expense of maintaining that institution has been something over $4,000. With the addition of another professor the cost will be $5,600, as nearly as can be estimated. To meet these necessary expenses the Board has permanent income from endowment and from the Synod of South Carolina of about $3,500. The Board of Directors asks the United Synod for the same apportionment that was laid two years ago: viz., $2,500 per annum, and insists that this amount must be forthcoming in order that it may be able to meet its obligations to the professors and pay incidental expenses.

Summing up the amounts asked by the several boards for maintenance, or for maintenance and extension of their work, and the apportionment, which seems to be needed for the treasury of the United Synod we obtain the following:

For Foreign Missions per annum	$25,000
For Home Missions and Church Extension per annum	25,000
For Theological Seminary per annum	2,500
For United Synod treasury, one-half cent per capita	250
Total	$52,750

This, then may be regarded as our annual budget for the next two years; and while it represents an increase of $5,000 over former years your Committee feel that, in view of the success with which the Lord has blessed our labors, the apportionment of a little more than one dollar per capita for our membership ought to be cheerfully and even joyfully accepted.

We therefore recommend,

1. That the apportionments asked by the several boards be authorized.

2. That the apportionment of one-half cent per capita for the treasury of the United Synod be renewed.

3. For the purpose of securing more systematic activity on the part of all our people in support of the rapidly developing work of our beloved Zion we recommend the general adoption among our congregations of the Duplex envelope system introduced with an every member canvass.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
CHAS. K. HUNTON,
L. L. LOHR,
V. Y. BOOZER,
GEO. B. CROMER,
J. E. COOPER,
G. F. McALLISTER.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—ANNUAL EXPENSE.

1. *Actual Outlay.*

Salaries of five Missionaries		$ 7,150
Support of evangelists, Bible women, taxes, insurance, rents, the allowances for teacher, health, and administration incidentals		6,000
Support of Mission School, two-thirds of $7,700 (General Council paying one-third)		5,133
Interest on money borrowed at home to supplement income ($5,000)		300
Annuity on $4,500		275
Administration expenses:		
Salary of General Secretary	$1,200	
Allowance to treasurer	100	
Other expenses, printing, etc.	350—$	1,650

2. *Contingent.*

To be provided for: Furloughs	$ 1,000

3. *Buildings.*

Repairs, equipment, annually if needs are to be met, at least	$ 4,000
Total	$ 26,508

The Committee on President's Report was received and considered by items. Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. Further consideration of the report was suspended, and the regular order, which was the hearing of reports of delegates to other bodies, was taken up.

Rev. W. H. Greever, Fraternal delegate to the General Synod, made his report which was adopted:

(No. 12.)

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the General Synod.

Dear Brethren: The Forty-sixth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America was held at Atchison, Kansas, May 14-21, 1913. Having gone to that meeting of the General Synod in behalf of certain general interests of the Lutheran Church in America, and the official delegate of the United Synod, Dr. J. Henry Harms, having found it impossible to attend, I was commissioned by the President of the United Synod to serve as substitute delegate and to convey the greetings of this body to the General Synod.

I found a characteristic American spirit prevailing in that body and a spirit of buoyancy and good humor which, while it did not interfere with the proper attention to serious business, broke down the sharp lines of formality, and the reception to the representative of the United Synod was in keeping with that spirit.

The General Synod has a membership of 329,699 communicants, 1,831 congregations, and 1,366 ministers. It was organized in 1820, and is composed of 24 District Synods, the youngest of which, the West Virginia Synod, was organized in 1912. The General Synod is highly organized, and is characteristically a legislative body. The greater part of the work of the members of that Synod is carried on by the general body itself, and it is in no large sense a federation of District Synods.

At the meeting in Atchison the chief interest centered in doctrinal matters, though large attention, as is usual in the General Synod, was given to the practical work. At that meet-

ing the Synod made a doctrinal declaration which will hold a prominent place in the history of confessional Lutheranism in America. That declaration was defined as in no sense a modification of the historical doctrinal position of the General Synod, but simply as an elaboration which was deemed necessary in order to guard the General Synod against misapprehension on the part of other Lutheran bodies. It reiterated its declaration that subscription to the unaltered Augsburg Confession is sufficient as a basis for unity among Lutherans, and added a statement declaring its high appreciation of the other symbolical books as correct elaborations and explanations of the teachings of the Augsburg Confession.

A special feature in the meeting of the General Synod is the report on foreign correspondence, which contains a large number of letters on various theological, sociological, and ecclesiastical questions from leading men in Europe.

Much attention was given to the subject of cooperation with other Lutheran bodies, especially in the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation, in the work of the Joint Common Service Committee, in the production of a common Sunday school literature, and in the work of the arbitration committee on Home Missions with reference to the relationship between the General Synod and the General Council. The Lutheran consciousness of the General Synod appeared to be clear and strong, and the American spirit of progressiveness was everywhere evident. The General Synod maintains a system of educational institutions, which adequately provides for the education of its young people, with the possible exception of a college for women. It is also very active in the work for Home Missions and for Foreign Missions, and is developing effective organization for Inner Mission work.

Dr. P. M. Bikle was elected delegate from the General Synod to this meeting of the United Synod, and the expressions of fraternal feeling toward this body were as strong as they could have been made. The General Synod appointed a committee to cooperate with similar committees from this body and other Lutheran bodies in this country for the preparation of proper plans for a pan-Lutheran celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in 1917. This body is asked to appoint again a committee for that purpose, and the other committees heretofore existing for cooperative work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER.

Rev. W. H. Greever also reported as our Fraternal Visitor to the General Council, which was adopted.

(No. 13.)

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the General Council.

Dear Brethren: The Thirty-fourth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in St. Matthew's Church, Toledo, Ohio, September 11-16, 1913. As official fraternal delegate from the United Synod, I attended as many of the sessions of the General Council as possible, and conveyed the greetings of this body. My reception was cordial, and the feeling of the General Council toward the United Synod is a feeling of fraternal fellowship and a deepest practical interest. I stated briefly the conditions under which we are doing our work, the outlook in our field, and the principles for which we stand.

The General Council is one of the largest and most progressive bodies of Lutherans in America, with a membership of 486,722 communicants, 2,544 congregations, and 1,655 ministers. There were 110 ministers present as delegates from the various District Synods, and 65 laymen, making a total of 175. While the General Council has interpreted itself more in the light of a federation than a legislative body, it is still true that it transacts a large volume of business at its regular meetings, and is evolving an effective organization.

Much attention was given at this meeting to missions, Home, Foreign and Inner. In connection with Home Missions much attention was given to the proposed rules of cooperation between the General Council and the General Synod, and some of the problems arising out of overlapping territory were left unsettled.

Important resolutions were passed concerning the basis for cooperation with other Lutheran bodies in the foreign fields, especially India and Japan, contemplating the conduct of theological seminaries and other institutions according to the doctrinal standards of the General Council.

The President presented an extended report and correspondence in reference to the relation of the General Council to the "Allegemeine Konferenz," in which it was shown that the unionistic character of the "Konferenz" was not wholly satisfactory to the General Council. An extended report was presented also on the subject of a World Conference on Faith and Order, the invitation to join in such a conference having come from the Protestant Episcopal Church. The General Council made a

declaration in that connection which is worthy the attention, not only of this body but of all Lutherans. (See Minutes of the Toledo Convention, pages 226-228.) On every hand there was evidence of intelligent grasp of world conditions as well as American conditions, and a serious determination on the part of the General Council to fulfill what it conceives to be its divine mission in the world.

By a special resolution the General Council construed the meaning of its apportionments, declaring that they impose binding and Christian obligations, and are to be so regarded by those upon whom they are laid.

The General Council reappointed its committee to serve with a Joint Committee on Common Service and Common Hymnal, also its committee to serve with joint committees in the preparation of common Sunday School literature for all Lutherans in America, and a committee to serve with joint committee composed of representatives from all Lutheran bodies in America for the preparation of suitable plans for the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation. This body should give due attention to all of these overtures and plans for cooperation.

The meeting at Toledo was considered by those who attended it to be one of the most constructive meetings in the history of that body. The General Council commissioned Dr. John A. W. Haas to bear its greetings as fraternal delegate to this meeting of the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER.

Rev. Prof. P. M. Bikle, Ph.D., D.D., Fraternal Representative of the General Synod, was introduced by Rev. A. G. Voigt. In pleasing terms he presented the greetings of the Synod from which he comes. Rev. M. M. Kinard responded in terms of like character.

Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., President of Muhlenberg College, and the official Visitor of the General Council, was introduced by Rev. A. D. R. Hancher. Dr. Haas in most cordial greetings from the General Council addressed the Synod, the response being made by our President, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer.

Rev. J. A. Morehead then introduced Rev. Prof. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., who comes as a special committee from the General Synod on General Conference. His request was cordially received, and referred to Committee on Letters and Petitions.

The invitation to visit the Theological Seminary, and the Lutheran Survey building was accepted.

Rev. John C. Carman, Superintendent of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, was introduced to the Synod.

The consideration of the report on President's Report was resumed, and finally adopted as follows:

(No. 14.)

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, your Committee on the President's Report, submit the following:

The President calls attention to world conditions that are now, and must continue to affect the life and work of a large part of the Christian Church—conditions which must affect more or less the work of our own loved church both at home and abroad, and that appeal to us for sympathy and cooperation in extending relief to the suffering and the rescue of the Foreign Mission work of the German Lutheran Church. We most heartily recommend this part of the report to the serious and prayerful consideration of every member of this body.

After a resume of the work of the past biennium, noting the progress made by the Synod and the disposition of our forces, as means of strengthening our positions, he makes the following recommendations:

1. He recommends that the United Synod suggest to the District Synods a uniform plan for the improvement of Sunday schools and also adopt practical measures to aid them in this vital work. We desire to express our entire approval of this recommendation, and suggest that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Common Sunday School Literature for action.

2. The President recommends that this body put itself on record in regard to the necessity of Higher Christian education for the progress of the Church, and the duty of the people in the premises.

We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that every minister and all the people of all our Distirct Synods should set apart special times for prayer and efforts to instruct and give needed information upon this great subject of Christian education, impressing the necessity and importance of loyalty to and liberal support of our own institutions of learning and where practical giving them preference over all others.

3. The President recommends that this body express its conception of the proper standard at which the people should aim in ministerial support.

We recommend that the following be adopted as such expression:

Resolved, That we recognize with regret the almost universal inadequacy in the material support of our ministers, and urge upon the District Synods, at their next annual conventions, to adopt such measures as shall result in a radical improvement in this important matter and that a committee be appointed to investigate the whole matter and report definite recommendations to the next convention of this body.

4. The President recommends that with regard to the practical attitude of the United Synod toward the Negro race in the South a special committee be appointed to investigate the field, to thoroughly study the problem and to propose action at the next convention of this body. We recommend that such committee be appointed and report the result of its investigation.

5. The President recommends that the plan of a standing committee on Fraternal Cooperation be continued. We recommend the adoption of the same.

6. We recommend that a committee to consider the request of the Joint Synod of Ohio be appointed and report at this convention.

7. The President recommends that a special committee be appointed to suggest action upon conservative efforts to promote unity in the Christian Church at large, and, if practicable, to report to this convention.

We recommended that such committee be appointed.

8. We recommend that a vote of thanks and appreciation be given the retiring President for the very faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. COX,
JNO. F. FICKEN,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
CHAS. K. HUNTON,
C. O. MILLER.

Rev. Prof. Geo. T. Rygh, and Rev. Walter E. Schuette, Editors on the staff of the *American Lutheran Survey,* were introduced, and made advisory members.

The Committee on Fraternal Co-operation made its report, which was adopted; and the Treasurer of this Synod authorized to pay the bill of expenses incurred by Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, C. F. W. Hoppe, W. H. Greever and J. A. Morehead.

(No. 15.)

Report of Committee on Fraternal Co-operation.

The important subject engaging the attention of the Committee on Fraternal Co-operation during the past biennium, has been the proposed celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in 1917.

The chairman of your Committee met with the chairmen of committees of the General Council and General Synod in Harrisburg last June. At that time arrangements were made for a meeting of the Joint Committee of these three general bodies at Atlantic City, September 1st. This meeting was duly held, four members of the Committee of this body being present. Because the purpose developed in the meeting to endeavor to secure the co-operation of all Lutheran forces in America in this great celebration, it was decided to make the actions of this meeting tentative in character, pending the gathering of representatives from all who so co-operate at a later date. However, important tentative conclusions were reached.

The Joint Committee felt that the great purpose of the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary should be the interpretation of the principles of the Reformation and of the Lutheran Church to the American people. It is proposed to accomplish this end by public meetings by well planned publicity and by the production of a new literature of the subject. It was also proposed to signalize the great occasion by accomplishing a notable work for the advancement of the cause of the great Church of the Reformation, by raising the sum of ten million ($10,000,000) dollars for the great causes of the Church. It was also proposed to consummate the celebration by simultaneous meetings of the joint bodies represented in the national celebration.

On the basis of the preliminary action of the Joint Committee, it is recommended:

1. That the United Synod reaffirm its purpose of co-operating in this movement for the proper celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation.

2. That a standing Committee of eight, of which the President shall ex officio be a member, on the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation, be appointed by the President.

3. That the United Synod endeavor to raise three-quarter of a million dollars ($750,000) for the various causes of the Church, including the amounts raised for special objects by Synods, Boards and Institutions.

4. That this fund shall be known as the Quadri-Centennial Reformation Fund.

5. That a Committee of three be appointed to superintend the raising of this fund.

6. That the United Synod assume its proportionate part of the expenses of the committee on publicity and literature, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all bills as presented.

7. That the United Synod approve the idea of simultaneous official meetings of the participating bodies in the same city in 1917.

8. The Joint Committee at the Atlantic City meeting passed a resolution suggesting that the general bodies represented should bear the expenses of the members of their several committees. In this connection, it is reported that the expenses of Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., were $35.80; Dr. Hoppe, $35; Dr. W. H. Greever, 35, and Dr. J. A. Morehead, $36.50 (two meetings).

Respectfully submiitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
L. A. FOX,
A. G. VOIGT,
W. HOPPE,
W. H. GREEVER,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
E. C. CRONK.

A Memorial from the North Carolina Synod was read by Rev. M. M. Kinard, which was referred to the Committee on Letters and Petitions.

The Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home was presented, and referred to the Committee on Orphan Home.

The Committee on Lowman Home reported. Pending the consideration of this report Synod adjourned to be convened at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Prayer by Rev. B. S. Brown.

At 8 p. m. in Ebenezer Church Vesper services led by Rev. E. A. Shenk, with address on Publication Interests by Rev. Jno. D. Mauney, and on Theological Seminary by Rev. L. A. Fox.

FIFTH SESSION.

Friday, November 13, 1914, 9:30 A. M.

Synod assembled and the Matin Services were led by Rev. Jas. F. Deal.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.
The following committees were appointed:

Special Committees.

1. *On Ministerial Support*—to report at next meeting of United Synod—Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, B. B. Miller, Esq., and Mr. R. G. Rhyne.

2. *On Work for the Negro Race*—to report at next meeting of United Synod—Revs. J. C. Seegers, B. S. Brown, J. J. Scherer, Jr., Dr. Geo. B. Cromer and Prof. Geo. F. McAllister.

3. *On Christian Unity.*—Revs. A. G. Voigt, L. A. Fox, and L. L. Lohr.

4. *On Fraternal Co-operation*—to report at next meeting United Synod—Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, Chairman; A. G. Voigt, L. A. Fox, J. A. Morehead, W. H. Greever, C. F. W. Hoppe, E. C. Cronk and H. A. McCullough.

5. *To Superintend Raising of Quadri-Centennial Fund*—to report at next meeting of the United Synod—Rev. W. H. Greever and Messrs. A. H. Snider and J. E. Cooper.

6. *On Request of Joint Synod of Ohio.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, F. K. Roof, T. B. Epting, and Messrs. W. F. Aberly and A. W. Huffman.

The President nominated the following Executive Committee: Revs. J. A. Morehead, M. M. Kinard, and Messrs. H. L. Bonham and C. M. Efird. Elected.

The report of Committee on the Lowman Home was now taken up, and, on motion,

It was,

Resolved, That this United Synod take over the Lowman Home, as contemplated in the original gift.

(No. 16.)

Report of Committee on Lowman Home.

We, your Committee on the Lowman Home, respectfully submit the following data, and in view of the magnitude of the undertaking and its far reaching influences, we recommend the consideration of the question in open Synod:

THE LOWMAN HOME—PROPERTY AND RESOURCES.

About 1,000 acres of land valued at $22,000 00
of which 225 (about) acres under cultivation. All
of balance except about 200 acres would be well

adapted to cultivation. Estimated that on the property there is at least one million feet of saw timber; second growth pine, oak and poplar. About fifty acres of the land is within the corporate limits of White Rock. Water is supplied by a well, from which an adequate supply is obtained, being pumped by a gasoline engine.		
One six-room frame cottage; Superintendent's house (nine rooms); Barn 40x40, with sheds 10 feet wide on three sides,—three buildings, cost together.....		3,600 00
Water tank, with engine, pump and piping, cost.....		275 00
Three and one-eighth acres of land in White Rock.....		156 00
Stock—		
Ten head of mules.....		1,500 00
Two milk cows		80 00
Three young cattle		40 00
Farming implements		175 00
Cash (subject to 6 per cent. interest payable to Mrs. Lowman during her natural life).....		1,150 00
Total valuation		$ 29,076 00
Amount borrowed from bank (now due).....		$ 2,700 00
Amount of private notes running from one to four years		3,100 00
Sundry amounts (about)		750 00
Indebtedness amounting to (about)		6,550 00
Assets over against this amount—		
Value of unsold cotton crop.....	$1,250 00	
Corn crop	550 00	
Other crops	200 00—	2,000 00
Indebtedness unprovided for		$ 4,550 00

OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME.

Mrs. R. M. Lowman (age about 70), Mr. Chas. Lowman (age about 45) and Miss Lillian Lowman (age about 34) are to be kept during their natural life by the Home. Two other aged women, one aged 69, and the other about 73.

So far the Church at large has put into the Home about $1,150.

Current expenses now amount to $160 per month ($1,920 per year).

Amount required to provide additional buildings needed for the immediate future, $10,000.

GEO. H. COX,
J. E. COOPER,
CHAS. K. HUNTON.

The Committee to Nominate Board of Lowman Home was constituted as follows: Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, and Messrs. Jno. F. Ficken and Jno. A. Cline.

Dr. Geo. B. Cromer made the report of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The report was adopted.

(No. 17.)

Report from Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement has directed its energies along educational, financial and inspirational lines during the past biennium. The work has been presented with unremitting zeal by our able and efficient General Secretary, the Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D.

Approximately a quarter of a million pieces of literature have been distributed among the people. The needs of the field and principles of Christian stewardship have been presented in sermons and addresses before individual congregations and missionary conferences and rallies. Mission Study has been promoted in our educational institutions and in congregations, and scores of classes have been successfully conducted.

By means of the Every Member canvass systematic giving has been introduced in many congregations for both local support and beneficence. Recent investigations indicate that about one hundred and fifty congregations are using the Duplex envelope for weekly offerings and a small number for monthly and semi-monthly offerings. In nearly every instance these congregations have largely increased their contributions. In the distribution of literature and the making of every member canvasses hundreds of men have been called into more or less active service and among these are a few men who are becoming leaders and men of influence in the Church.

The movement has planned along similar lines for the immediate future. The district synods have endorsed the work by the appointment of committees to cooperate with the Laymen's

Missionary Movement in a church-wide campaign for 1914-1915. This campaign calls for training conferences to be held in the Lutheran centers for the purpose of training leaders in the missionary propaganda.

The South Carolina Synod at its recent meeting authorized a Synod-wide campaign under the direction of the Laymen's Missionary Movement looking to the every member canvass and the introduction of systematic giving in all churches of the Synod. This is the best opportunity the Movement has yet had to prove its efficiency in a large synod.

The general policy of the Movement remains the same as in the past except that greater emphasis will be laid on the educational side of the work. As in the past, it will continue to expend itself through the regular channels of the church.

On February 17-19, 1914, the Second General Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement was held in Columbia, S. C. Thirty-five invited speakers took part in the program and nearly one thousand people were in attendance. The railroads issued an open "round trip rate" on account of the Convention.

At the Biennial Convention held in Columbia, S. C., the following men were elected to constitute the Executive Committee: George B. Cromer, Newberry, S. C.; Philip Weltner, Atlanta, Ga.; J. H. Rehder, Wilmington, N. C.; C. M. Efird, Lexington, S. C.; O. B. Mayer, Newberry, S. C.; Kenneth Baker, Greenwood, S. C.; W. P. Houseal, Columbia, S. C.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

Resolved, That this body has heard with satisfaction the report of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and that we do hereby reaffirm our endorsement of the same and heartly commend the loyalty and generosity of those laymen who have financed the movement, and that this body sincerely desires the continuation of this agency during the ensuing biennium.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions reported. Report adopted.

(No. 18.)

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

Six papers have come into the hands of this Committee.

1. One is a letter from St. Paul's church, Wilmington, N. C., inviting the United Synod to hold its next convention with it. We recommend that the invitation be accepted.

2. and 3. Another paper is a series of preambles and resolutions, addressed to this body by the Synod of North Carolina. Number three is a copy of the same resolutions, sent to the President of the United Synod by a committee of the North Carolina Synod.

(1). We recommend that this overture of the North Carolina Synod be read.

(2). We recommend that we record the fact here that the general interest of these resolutions has already been compassed by other action of this body.

(3). With special reference to the first resolution we recommend that in view of the obvious fact that present historical developments do not justify any hope of a union of the general bodies named in the near future, the resolution be not concurred with, although we continue to cherish the hope that some day the union of Lutheran forces in this land will be attained, but since unity exists in the Lutheran Church, since this unity needs to be manifested, and since the unity existing can be manifested by a federation which will take a comprehensive view of all the general work and thus unify the co-operation now existing:

Resolved, That we appoint a commission, and ask the appointment of similar commissions from and by the General Council, the General Synod, and other bodies that may be interested, with this end in view.

(4). With special reference to the second resolution we recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Cooperation with the desire that its laudable purpose be brought to the attention of the intersynodical commission on the celebration of the Reformation in 1917.

4. The fourth paper is the overture from the General Synod, as voiced by Dr. F. P. Manhart before this body, to arrange for another Free Conference of Lutherans in the United States, like those held in 1899, 1902 and 1905, but if possible with wider representation as expressed in the judgment of the Pittsburgh Conference in 1905.

We recommend that a representative be appointed to cooperate with representatives of other Lutheran bodies for this purpose, with the understandnig that other representatives may be associated with them as the appointed representatives may agree upon.

(Rev. A. G. Voigt appointed our Representative.)

5. The fifth paper is a memorial from Georgia Synod, petitioning the United Synod "to alter the blank form for Statistical Re-

ports for congregations, looking to one more suitable for the needs of the congregations."

We recommend that the petition be acceded to, and that a committee of three be appointed to make the proper alterations with power to act, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
W. H. ROOF,
H. D. DERRICK,
W. T. STAUFFER,
P. C. PRICE.

Under No. (3), on Federation and Cooperation, the Committee on Fraternal Cooperation was appointed as such commission.—(See list of Committees in Synodical Directory.—*Secretary.*)

Rev. A. G. Voigt was appointed as the Representative to Cooperate with other representatives, as provided for in this report—item 4 on General Conference.

The following committee was appointed to prepare Parochial Blank for use in all our Synods: Revs. V. Y. Boozer, C. A. Freed and E. A. Shenk.

The following was adopted:

(No. 19.)

Whereas the resolutions with reference to the Tennessee Synod adopted by the United Synod at Winston-Salem, found on page 95 of the minutes of 1900, contain a principle regulative of the work of this body; therefore, be it resolved

1. That those resolutions be printed in the minutes of this convention.

2. That those resolutions be included in the standing resolutions appended to the constitution and by-laws of the United Synod.

Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D., editor of *Lutheran Church Work,* and Secretary of the Board of Education of the General Synod, was introduced to Synod and made an advisory member.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions reported.

The report was considered by items, amended and finally adopted as follows:

(No. 20.)

Report of Committee on Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Your Committee has had before it for consideration the Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension covering the last biennium. The Board has held twelve meetings during the biennium. The work of the Board has been characterized by a most commendable zeal and faithfulness. Seventeen missions are under the care of the Board, eight new missions being added during the biennium. Five mission churches were aided by way of loans out of the Church Extension Fund.

Since the last convention of this body the Board has engaged the services of the Rev. R. S. Patterson, D.D., as General Secretary. Dr. Patterson entered upon the duties of his office in May, 1913, and it is largely due to his unabating zeal and irrepressible enthusiasm for this great cause that our Home Mission operations have prospered more in this than in any other preceding biennium. It is a matter of special gratification that under the leadership of the General Secretary a Permanent Loan Fund is being gathered, the objective sum of the same being $50,000. We note with pleasure two liberal gifts to the Loan Fund, an annuity gift of $500 from Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Bernheim of Charlotte, N. C., and a direct gift of $500 from Miss Ada V. Miller, of New Market, Va. The generous interest of these friends is greatly appreciated and their example recommended to men and women of means everywhere.

It is a matter of sincere and general regret that his illness caused the Rev. R. L. Patterson, D.D., to tender his resignation as President of this Board in September of this year. In this position he rendered most efficient service. The Church extends to this brother its sympathy, and prays earnestly for his speedy and sure recovery to his accustomed health and strength.

1. Your committee would recommend that for the ensuing biennium the same amounts be apportioned to the District Synods for Home Missions and Church Extension as were apportioned for the past biennium.

2. We also recommend that the Board be urged to make as liberal and extensive use as possible of tracts and publications, stressing the claims of this great cause upon our people. It also recommends the continuance of the use of the Luther Day services in the Sunday schools in the Reformation season as an efficient instrument for publishing the needs and claims of our Home Mission work.

3. We also recommend that the District Synods, in every possible way, strive earnestly in their respective territories to raise the full apportionment asked for in the coming biennium, without which it will be utterly impossible for the Board to care adequately for the missions it has already engaged to support, much less occupy new territory which seems to already ripe and inviting.

4. In December, 1912, the Board received a communication from Dr. J. C. Kunzman of the General Council Home Mission Board relative to mission work among the negroes of the South. The Board replied that in its judgment, it was not then feasible to begin work among the colored people. Your committee recommends that this correspondence be referred to the Committee on Work among the Negroes.

5. The Board has offered for the approval of this body a set of regulations intended for its organization and government. Your Committee approves these regulations in the main, has marked some changes which in its judgment ought to be made, and recommends their adoption and use by the Board with the changes noted. (Not to be printed in the minutes.)

6. Your Committee recommends that the following persons be elected to constitute the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Rev. C. K. Bell, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. H. A. McCullough, Rev. John C. Seegers, J. H. Rehder and B. B. Miller.

J. J. SCHERER, JR.,
W. C. SCHAEFFER, JR.,
G. C. HINE,
J. HENRY HARMS.

On motion, the Board of Home Missions was authorized to adopt rules and regulations for the good of the Board and its missionaries.

The nominess for Board of Home Missions were elected.

It was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the United Synod be and is hereby authorized to pay the necessary expenses of the Committee on the Common Book of Worship for the ensuing biennium and that the Committee on Finance be instructed to provide for the same.

The Board of Deaconess and Inner Mission Work reported. The report was adopted as follows:

(No. 21.)

Report of Board of Deaconess and Inner Mission Work.

This Board was created two years ago for a three-fold purpose: (1) To provide a Board in the United Synod which could transact business officially with similar Boards of other Lutheran bodies, (2) To conduct a campaign of education within the United Synod in behalf of this important side of Christian service, and (3) to take charge of any funds which might be given either as simple donations or by bequest for this work. We have had no official business to transact during these two years. Some work of education has been done, and the need for the inner mission work becomes greater. The Board of the Orphan Home at Salem, Va., makes special report to this Synod. The Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless at White Rock, S. C., and the Francke Home at Charleston, S. C., are the only other institutions of mercy within the bounds of the United Synod. The Francke Home is under the care of the Lutheran congregations of Charleston and is provided for. The Lowman Home is a very important institution and is in great need. It belongs to the South Carolina Synod, but was designed from the beginning to serve in a larger field, as an institution of the United Synod. A special committee has the claims of this institution in its hands and will report to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. GREEVER,
JNO. F. FICKEN,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
GEO. B. CROMER,
J. E. COOPER.

The following was adopted:

(No. 22.)

Report of Committee on Common Sunday School Literature.

We report that we have had the work committed to us continuously before us since the last meeting of the United Synod. We have had frequent meetings, have conferred informally and unofficially with members of committees from other bodies, have conducted considerable correspondence and can report encouraging progress. Certain difficulties in other quarters have prevented a

joint meeting of the committee, but we now have assurances that such a meeting can be held in the near future, and that the way will be open then for definite action. The circle of interest in this work has been enlarged and there is good prospect that, in some degree, practically all English speaking Lutherans will cooperate. Several other bodies have appointed committees for this work, and we respectfully recommend that the United Synod appoint a committee on Common Sunday School literature to serve for the next two years.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
W. HOPPE,
H. A. McCULLOUGH.

The present Committee on Common Sunday School Literature was reappointed.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Education made its report. Report was received, and considered by items. Pending its consideration Synod adjourned to be reconvened at 3:30 p. m. today.

Prayer by Rev. E. A. Shenk.

SIXTH SESSION.

Friday, November 13, 1914, 3:30 P. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. H. Cox.

On motion, a bill for $3.50, presented by the Secretary for postage and stationery, was ordered paid.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Secretary $50.00 for his services; and to pay Rev. Geo. H. Cox $20.00 for his services as Statistical Secretary.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Education was resumed.

The report, and the constitution of the Board, adopted: (See Report No. 9.)

(No. 23.)

Report of Committee on Report of the Board of Education.

The Report of the Board of Education shows intelligent and effective service in connection with the educational interests of the United Synod for the past two years. The report is full and satisfactory. It is divided into three main sections: First, a re-

port of the constitution and organization of the Board of Education: Second, a full account of the Educational Conference held at Lenoir College June 17 and 18, 1914, all of the institutions of the United Synod participating. Third, a report of the relationship of the various institutions within the bounds of the United Synod and District Synods.

We recommend:

First. That this report be published in full in the United Synod Minutes, including the program of the Conference held at Lenoir College.

Second. That the expenses of the Board be paid by the Treasurer of the United Synod, as requested in the Board's report.

Third. That the proposed Constitution submitted by the Board be considered by the United Synod for approval or disapproval, and then that the request of the Board to have copies of its constitution printed be granted.

Fourth. That the recommendation of Board be confirmed, making the last Sunday in May Education Day instead of first Sunday in June.

Fifth. That the Board be commended for the efficient work done during the last two years.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. GREEVER,
L. L. LOHR,
EDW. FULENWIDER.

The following committee was appointed to Nominate Board of Education: Rev. H. A. McCullough, Prof. Geo. F. McAllister and Mr. G. C. Hine.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions reported. The report was adopted as follows:

(No. 24.)

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

This report presents not a few items of deep interest to this body. It is clear that the Board has been "diligent in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." It has carefully and prayerfully gone forward in the execution of our Foreign Mission purposes and plans. Its labors have been by no means easy; its responsibilities by no means light; its problems never simple. It has been the administrator of vital interests, the executor of a far-reaching will. When duty has been done with conscientious-

ness, wisdom and love, gratitude prompts expressions of appreciation for those serving on the part of those in whose name and stead they have served. May there be, then, no withholding from this faithful Board the measure of appreciation due it.

The growing force of workers, both foreign and native, in our Japan field is a cause for thanksgiving. Eleven foreign missionaries, one native pastor, seven native evangelists and eight Bible and kindergarten teachers, now constitute this force. This strengthening of the working force takes the mission out of the experimental stage and places it on the vantage ground of permanency, success and power. The multiplication of native workers, filled with the spirit of Christ and dedicated to the noble service of the redemption of their fellow countrymen, calls for heartfelt thanksgivings on the part of the entire Church, and not only so, but should inspire all to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth day by day laborers into the fields white to the harvest.

Whilst we regret the afflictions that came to some of our missionaries, making it necessary for them to return to America for medical treatment and rest, we are thankful to God for the preservation of their lives and their gradual restoration to health and strength, so that they are now able to look forward to an early return to their labors in the spheres of gospel service so dear to their hearts. May our prayers be that they may be spared any recurrence of ill health and be preserved in body, mind and soul to the services of the church in Japan for many years.

The evidences of progress in every department of our mission in Japan are so clear and convincing that the whole Church should awake to praise and renewed zeal in the Master's name.

The commissioning and sending forth of two women missionaries within the biennium is a cause of rejoicing, and the prayer to God should be that others may be willing to go as opportunity may call for their services.

The amount of $52,576.01 received by the Board from all sources for the work during the biennium, though inadequate to the needs, should nevertheless awaken sentiments of joy and hope, and inspire within us a spirit of greater liberality.

The recommendations of the Board numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, are recommended to this body for its approval.

In conclusion we recommend the reelection of the present Board as follows: Rev. Robert C. Holland, D.D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Rev. J. H. Murphy, Rev. M. J.

Epting, D.D., Messrs. J. M. Lichtenwanger, J. E. Cooper and H. L. Bonham.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
M. O. J. KREPS,
W. HOPPE,
GEO. H. RHODES,
GEO. B. CROMER.

Nominees elected.

By request of the Synod, Rev. Dr. C. K. Lippard, one of our Missionaries to Japan, addresed the Synod.

The nominees for Board of Foreign Missions were elected.

The Committee on Church Literature reported as follows, which was adopted:

(No. 25.)

Report of Committee on Church Literature.

We, your Committee on Church Literature, beg to offer the following:

We are confident that the need of an increasing church literature which is of distinctly Lutheran type and character is coming to be more and more imperative, in order to offset and combat that which is pernicious and destructive to the faith, and which is circulated freely throughout our territory. The style and scope of that literature which is of growing necessity should consist of tract, pamphlet and book written for the perusal and study of the laity, rather than ponderous volumes filled with theological discussions, employing technical and scientific terms. The approaching quadri-centennial anniversary of the Reformation offers a splendid opportunity for an enlarged *Lutherana,* and we as a Lutheran Church should definitely and determinedly lay hold of this opportunity.

It is a notable fact that among the recent books pertaining to Luther, to his work, or to the period of his labors, the most acceptable have come from pens of those outside of the Lutheran Church. Luther grows larger and larger in the realm of religious and philosophical conception as the years roll on. It is an encouraging indication when so many non-Lutherans are seriously, and with scientific precision studying Luther and his works.

We are glad to note the progress of the Board of Publication in its endeavor to establish a book-supply for every pastor and congregation. We commend the Board's recently published cata-

logue to the attention of pastors, superintendents and all others who have occasion to use anything in the book line or church and Sunday School supplies, and thus enable our Board to enlarge its usefulness in service to the Church.

The most notable book that has been published by our Board, (and it also is worthy of note among all Lutheran publications) during the past biennium is "Problems and Possibilities," by Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D. A valuable pamphlet, a "Primer of Lutheranism," by Dr. A. G. Voigt, consisting of questions and answers on the history and doctrines of the Lutheran Church, has been issued. A shaped-note edition of the Sunday school Hymnal has come from our own press. A second edition of Dr. C. Armand Miller's "The Sacramental Feast" has appeared. Dr. A. J. Stirewalt has prepared Kyushu Gakuin, which our Board has sent out in very tasty binding. Dr. Hawkins' Memorial Catechism concludes the list of specific issues by our Board. To many members of this Synod these books need not be mentioned. We would, however, earnestly suggest to all our pastors throughout the whole territory of the United Synod, that they call the attention of their people to these publications, and urge them to procure and read these books.

We welcome the appearance of the *American Lutheran Survey*, "a weekly review of world progress and problems from the positive Christian standpoint," as the sub-title declares,—in reality a weekly survey of things Lutheran and American, with a glance also at Lutheran men and things in Europe and throughout the world. The first issue having been awaited eagerly by a large number of Lutheran leaders in America, made its appearance a few weeks ago, and the general consensus of opinion is that the journal more than meets the expectation of its subscribers.

We do not mention the *Survey* here as one of our publications, although its central offices and publishing plant are located in Columbia, S. C., but because of its relation generally to the Lutheran Church, and of the consequent influence the *Survey* may have in our own work in the United Synod. Those directing the destiny of this new publication are encouraged by the representative character of the subscriptions that have already been received—many coming from various bodies of our Church in this country. This encouragement will enable the managers and editors to concentrate their best efforts in continuing the high standard that has been set in initial numbers.

Whatever may be our local conditions and tasks, whatever may be the peculiar problems of each of our divers bodies of Lutherans in America, we welcome any and every effort that

is undertaken to more fully define and interpret the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and in the world, so that the sons of men in larger, increasing numbers may be brought into the Kingdom of the Lord, built up in an intelligent faith and prepared for most effectual service in the Lord's Church. The *American Lutheran Survey* may, in the providence of God, be regarded as such an agency, and as such should receive whatever support our Lutheran constituency can possibly extend to it.

We are glad to note the continued activity of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in disseminating missionary information and in introducing in our congregations systematic methods of Church beneficence. To this end 250,000 pieces of printed matter have been distributed during the past biennium.

The Literature Committee of the Woman's Missionary Conference has continued its splendid work, with regular issues of its missionary programs and program helps, as heretofore, together with 200,000 pieces of printed matter, consisting of tracts, folders and pamphlets.

We are gratified with the progress that has been made in the endeavor to put the *Lutheran Church Visitor* into every home in the United Synod—*gratified* but not *satisfied.* We ought not to be satisfied until the aim has been realized. To hold the ground gained, and to advance farther within the ranks of the unsupplied, pastors throughout the United Synod are urged to continue their efforts yearly. If the work of placing and keeping the *Lutheran Church Visitor,* the official organ of the United Synod in every home, is to become effective the canvass must be made every year.

Tidings also should be in every home,—and if not in every home, in every Sunday school.

Brethren, as we are loyal and faithful to every cause that is here presented for our consideration, shall we be better enabled to accomplish the labors in which we are engaged.

CHARLES P. MACLAUGHLIN,
J. M. SENTER,
J. H. REHDER,
C. W. CASSELL,
C. H. KONEMANN.

The following was adopted in response to request from the Joint Synod of Ohio:

(No. 26.)

Report of Committee on Request of Joint Synod of Ohio.

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

As the United Synod has always stood for the unification of the Lutheran bodies "in one orthodox faith, and mutual co-operation in the more general interests of the Church" we gladly avail ourselves of every opportunity to preserve and promote amicable and fraternal relations between the Lutheran bodies. We, your Committee, recommend in response to the request of the Joint Synod of Ohio the following Committee of Arbitration, three of whom shall constitute a quorum: Rev. J. H. Wannemacher, A. R. Beck, Bachman S. Brown, W. J. Finck, A. D. R. Hancher and B. A. Copenhaver.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX,
F. K. ROOF,
T. B. EPTING,
W. F. ABERLY,
A. W. HOFFMAN.

The Committee on the report of the Board of the Theological Seminary made the following report, which was adopted, and the nominees for the Board of Directors were elected:

(No. 27.)

Report of Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Theological Seminary of the United Synod dates its beginning as far back as the year 1829, and is therefore in its eighty-fifth year of service as a school of the prophets. This service has resulted in untold blessing to the Church in the bounds of our United Synod. We should be happy in this year 1914 to have the pleasure of fostering this heritage from our devoted and self-sacrificing fathers, and to accept the responsibility involved in this sacred trust. The appeal to our fidelity is augmented by the increasing demand upon the Church for the service for which the institution stands.

Its high aim, as presented in its catalogue for 1913-1914, is "to make pastors, always keeping in view the needs of the Lutheran Church, especially in the South. While its aim is altogether practical, it recognizes that an essential qualification for true practical

work is a thorough theological training." "Service rather than Science is its aim."

Your Committee files herewith the very full and satisfactory report of the Board of Directors, referred to us for consideration and proposed action.

This report presents the affairs of the institution so completely that your Committee is relieved from any additional statement by way of further information. This report which we offer for record is commended to the careful examination of all persons interested in the welfare of our Theological Seminary. We present the following recommendations:

1. That the United Synod renew its pledge of loyal support and unfaltering devotion in behalf of our Seminary.

2. That the day of prayer heretofore designated, to wit, the Sunday observed as Reformation Day, be observed by all our churches, for God's continued blessing upon this institution, and that our pastors be urged to lay its superior claims upon the consciences of our membership and to seek in every legitimate way to win young men to seriously consider the high calling of the ministry of the Gospel.

3. That the Board of Directors be urged to devise and execute ways and means to liquidate the remaining indebtedness incurred in the erection of the Seminary building and the Professor's House, and that the United Synod does hereby appeal to those of our people whom God has favored with financial ability, to come forward with prompt response in this behalf.

4. That the apportionment of $2,500 annually, already adopted by this body, be urged upon the attention of our pastors and people with special emphasis, because of the high claims of the cause and the imperative need of that amount to meet the current expenses of the Seminary.

5. That the United Synod does hereby approve and endorse the action of the Board of Directors relative to raising an additional endowment of $50,000, and does authorize said Board to launch a movement to this end at such time as the Board may deem wise.

6. That the action of the Board of Directors in regard to the loss sustained by the failure of the Lexington Savings Bank, and the liability of Treasurer, C. M. Efird in regard thereto, be approved, and that we express our appreciation of the business integrity, and magnanimity, only too rare, of Treasurer Efird indicated in his voluntary personal assumption of $1,400 of the amount on deposit in said bank at the time of its failure, whereby the loss sustained by the Seminary was reduced to $2,014.77.

7. We recommend that the following constitute the members of the Board of Directors for the ensuing biennium:

Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, Rev. W. A. Deaton, Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. C. A. Freed, Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Rev. R. C. Holland, and Messrs. J. F. Ficken, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, J. A. Meetze, J. D. Cappelmann, A. H. Kohn and W. T. Stauffer.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
M. J. EPTING,
M. M. KINARD,
M. L. BONHAM,
S. J. DERRICK.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to convey the sincere thanks of this Synod to Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., for his faithful, untiring and efficient services in the erection of our Theological Seminary buildings; and the same to Dr. C. L. Kibler.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., sent greetings to the United Synod.

Rev. M. M. Kinard, of the North Carolina Synod, offered the following:

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a committee of three to provide a suitable program for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation, October 31, 1917, and that this United Synod accept the invitation of St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N. C., to hold such celebration with that old historic congregation which will at that time celebrate the 150th anniversary of its organization as a congregation of the mother synod of the United Synod.

Pending the consideration of this resolution Synod adjourned, to meet at 8 p. m. in Ebenezer Church.

Prayer by Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe.

SEVENTH SESSION

Friday, November 13, 1914, 8 P. M.

Synod reassembled and opened with prayer by Rev. L. A. Fox.

Rev. W. W. Daniel, D.D., of the M. E. Church was introduced to the Synod.

The pending resolution was taken up and, on motion, was referred to the Joint Committee on Celebration, with an expression of the desire of this body to accept the cordial invitation from St. John's Church, Salisbury, N. C., in the event that this general

committee shall determine upon a celebration for the United Synod.

The Committee on the Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home presented its report, the same was adopted, and the nominees for the Board of Corporation were elected.

(No. 28.)

Report of Committee on Report of Corporation of the Orphan Home.

The Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home presents a comprehensive view of the progress of this work so dear to the heart of the Church. The accommodations of the Home are being taxed to the utmost. Applicants are pressing for admission. There seems to be pressing necessity that the Church shall provide ampler accommodations.

Your Committee notes with pleasure that the Trustees are forming plans to increase the dormitory space of the Home by the erection of a building for boys.

The Home feels the loss of Dr. Fox from the presidency of the Corporation by his resignation. He has been a wise counselor, an able administrator and a devoted friend of the Orphan Home work.

The death of Col. A. M. Bowman and Ambrose L. Henkel, interested and useful members of the Corporation of the Orphan Home for many years, is recorded with regret, but with appreciation of their service of this cause of the Church.

It is recommended:

1. That the report of the Corporation be printed in the minutes of this body;

2. That the Corporation of the Orphan Home be advised to have a thorough investigation made, with expert counsel, of the real estate of the Home with a view to forming a well advised group plan, with a wise location before the first new building shall be erected;

3. That the United Synod authorize the Corporation of the Orphan Home to raise within our territory twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars, if necessary, to pay off its indebtedness, and to erect a dormitory for boys, as soon as financial conditions are such as to render it advisable to begin the movement;

4. That the United Synod approve of the plan of providing at the Home means of vocational training for those not fitted for a collegiate education, and commend the plan of the Board of Trustees to use the present resources to that end;

5. That the United Synod advise the authorities to make full inquiry into the subject of the proper kinds of vocational training it may be advisable to adopt and equip the Home to give, but that the raising of funds for this object, if undertaken before the next meeting of the United Synod, be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Your Committee recommends that Geo. W. Tomkins be elected to fill the vacancy in the class of 1916, Rev. J. L. Sieber for the vacancy in the class of 1917, and Rev. C. K. Hunton for the vacancy in the class of 1918. We also nominate for the class of 1920, H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson and George S. Bowers; and for the class of 1921, G. W. Tomkins, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly and R. C. Holland.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
CHARLES P. MACLAUGHLIN,
P. E. MONROE,
W. K. SHEALY.

(No. 29.)

Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

During the biennium two meetings of the Corporation and two of the Board of Trustees have been held. The affairs of the Home received careful consideration at their hands. A resume of their proceeding is herewith submitted.

The nominees of the Synod for membership in the Corporation were elected. From those so elected vacancies in the Board of Trustees were filled. At the last annual meeting, Paul Sieg was elected Vice-President of the Corporation, in the place of A. M. Bowman, deceased.

The annual reports of the Superintendent brought out the following facts. That the management of the Home consists of the Superintendent and seven lady assistants; that at the annual meeting in 1913 there were in the Home, 48 boys and 62 girls from the following States: Virginia 72, North Carolina 18, South Carolina 6, West Virginia 8, Georgia 3, and Tennessee 2; and at the annual meeting in 1914, 44 boys and 63 girls from the following States: Virgina 60, North Carolina 24, South Carolina 8, Georgia 3, West Virginia 12; that the cost of maintenance in 1912-'13 was $7.05 per month per child; in 1913-'14, $7.24 per child; that the entire indebtedness of the Home is now $2,000, which is being carried at five per cent.; that the resources of the Home are an endowment

fund of $10,000, cotton mill stock the par value of which is $800, one share of bank stock $100, an interest bearing note of $800, the John C. Seegers bequest bearing five per cent. interest, the Sheets bequest of $5,000, upon which an annuity of $241 must be paid to Mrs. Sheets during her life time, the Winesett bequest of $1,000. Now in litigation, a building fund, started by nine little girls of the Home amounting to $400; that the Home now owns nearly twenty-five acres of land besides the building it now occupies and the old dwelling it formerly occupied; and, finally, that more dormitory space and more land are imperatively needed as well as some one to act as foreman for the boys in their farming and gardening operations.

The Trustees, with a view to securing more dormitory space, appointed a committee consisting of H. D. Derrick, C. B. Strickler and R. W. Kime, to devise ways and means for the erection of a boys' building as soon as practicable. With an eye to the acquisition of a body of land better adapted to the needs of the Home, the Executive Committee was authorized to buy, sell or exchange parcels of land for the Home to the end that such a tract might be received. That the boys might have a leader and instructor in farming and gardening, the Superintendent was directed to secure, as soon as the lease of old Home property expired, a Lutheran tenant capable of acting as foreman in the farming and gardening.

These are steps in the right direction because they are forward steps, but should we not go further? Should we be content to hold the record for running our Home at the smallest per capita expense of any similar institution in the country? Should we not the rather endeavor to turn out the best grade of Christian citizen of any Home in the land? To do this, the Home must have a different kind of plant and additional helpers in the work. The present building is not only inadequate but also unsuitable for our work. We would recommend, therefore, that this Synod take such steps as it may consider incumbent upon it to take to secure for the Home a modern plant with facilities for the vocational training of its inmates.

During the past summer part of the building occupied by the Home was found to be in an unsafe condition. This was the result of the use, in the construction of the building, of timbers too weak for the purpose for which they were used. Auxiliary girders, supported by strong iron columns, were put in and the building made absolutely safe. The cost of the repairs amounted to $927.50, of which amount $215.50 is still unprovided for. The buildings of the Home need painting and considerable repairs.

These were authorized to be made but had to be postponed on account of the aforementioned work.

The officers of the Corporation are:————————, President; Paul Sieg, Vice President; R. W. Kime, Secretary; Ivan V. Yonce, Treasurer. These are ex-officio officers of the Board of Trustees and constitute the Executive Committee. This committee has met monthly and audited all accounts and transacted all business pertaining to the management of the institution.

The Superintendent, J. T. Crabtree, has been very efficient in the performance of his duties and has been re-elected annually.

Besides the vacancies caused by the expiration of their terms of office there has been one resignation, L. A. Fox of the class of 1916, and two deaths, A. L. Henkel of the class of 1917 and A. M. Bowman of the class of 1915. These were all very efficient members whose services the institutions could ill afford to lose.

The Corporation is constituted at present as follows:

1915—H. S. Trout, R. W. Kime, H. F. Scheele, J. H. Wilson, Geo. S. Bowers.

1916—A. M. Bowman, C. Markley, J. E. Cooper, J. W. Eberly, R. C. Holland.

1917—Rev. J. L. Sieber, Paul Sieg, J. Frank Clemmer, J. H. Marsteller, I. V. Yonce.

1918—C. K. Hunton, M. M. Kinard, C. B. Strickler, E. A. Shenk, H. D. Derrick.

1919—L. G. M. Miller, A. D. R. Hancher, J. E. Shenk, W. H, Roof, J. P. Gose.

It will be necessary to nominate three men to fill the vacancies in classes 1916, 1917 and 1918 and five men for each of the classes 1920 and 1921.

PAUL SIEG, Vice President.

The Committee on Minutes of the last convention of this Synod reported as follows, which report was adopted:

(No. 30.)

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

1. Under "Recommendations" on page 73, item 3, the sum of $20,000 annually was apportioned among the different synods for current expenses in the conduct of our mission work in Japan.

What per cent. of this apportionment has been paid? Ans. Seventy-five per cent. paid.

2. Page 89. Report of Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions:

(a) Item 1. This recommendation provides for the apportionment of $25,000 annually to the synods for the support of the Home Missions and Church Extension. What part of this apportionment has been paid? Ans. Less than thirty per cent. paid.

(b) Item 4. This recommendation calls for the appointment of a committee to draft a plan for the unification of all the home mission work of the United Synod, which committee was appointed, see page 120. Is this committee prepared to report? Ans. Yes.

(c) Item 8. "That we earnestly request our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies to divide equally, as their early constitutions required, all their moneys for missions, between our Home and Foreign Missionary work; and that with the same earnestness we ask the Lutheran Laymen's Movement to give equal stress and emphasis to the need of missions in the home and foreign fields." Has this request been complied with? Ans. Action not communicated to Woman's Society by oversight. Laymen's Movement has complied with the request.

3. According to item 3, page 92, the sum of $2,500 annually was apportioned to the synods for the support of the Theological Seminary. How much of this apportionment has been paid? Ans. Information not available.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Y. BOOZER,
JAS. D. KINARD,
ENOCH HITE,
J. D. BARRIER,
JACOB UMLAUF.

Under item C. of this report, the Secretary was requested to notify the Ladies' Synodical Societies of the desire of this United Synod for an equal division of all their moneys for missions, as per request on page 90, item 8, minutes of 1912. The request reads as follows:

"That we earnestly request our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies to divide equally, as their early constitutions required, all their moneys for missions, between our Home and

Foreign Missionary work; and that with the same earnestness we ask the Lutheran Laymen's Movement to give equal stress and emphasis to the need of missions in the home and foreign fields."

The Committee on Plan for Unification of our Home Mission Work reported as follows:

(No. 31.)

Plan for the Unification of Home Mission Work.

1. The Home Mission Board, with the several District Synods consenting and cooperating, shall have control of all Home Mission work on the territory of the United Synod. This action is not binding upon any District Synod until it has been approved and ratified in regular session by such Synod.

2. The District Synod consenting shall have, each for itself, a Board constituted in such manner as each shall determine, which Board shall be an Auxiliary Board of the General Board. This District Synodical Board shall be the means of administration of the Home Mission work within its boundary.

The chairman of the District Synodical Board shall be an Advisory Member of the General Board. No mission shall be begun or discontinued within the territory of a Synod without the consent of its Board. No missionary may be called or dismissed without the approval of the Synodical Board.

3. The general rules and principles governing the General Board are those which now hold, or such as may be hereafter adopted by the United Synod.

4. The transfer of missions now supported by the several Synods shall be made under such terms and such conditions as may be agreed upon by the General Board and the Synod making the transfer.

L. A. FOX,
C. K. HUNTON,
C. K. BELL,
B. B. MILLER,
E. L. GREEVER.

This report was referred to the District Synods for action and report at next meeting of this Synod.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication reported as follows, which was adopted:

(No. 32.)

Report of Committee on the Report of the Publication Board.

Your Committee on the report of the Board of Publication has gone over the report with as much care as the time permitted. The financial statement in the report is a faithful summary of all the important facts in the statement made by the expert accountant, and we think that the accountant's statement should be filed with the Secretary of the United Synod without publication in the minutes of this Convention. We are very much gratified by the exhibits. The net assets of nearly $60,000 and total earnings of more than $12,000 are sufficient evidence of the wisdom and fidelity of the Board in the administration of the interest of the institutions, making it necessary and impertinent to inquire into the items of administration. A careful study of the report confirms the impression of a glance over the summary that the financial condition of the publication cause is healthy and safe. While the loss in the department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* was largely compensated by the gains in the other departments, and was greatly reduced during the last year, we are sorry that there was any loss at all. We are sure that with a little more earnest effort on the part of pastors and people, that the evil can be removed.

We recommend:

1. That special attention be called to the financial stress of the Board because of the difficulty of collections in a part of the territory, and that patrons be urged to make prompt payment of all accounts, the emergency arising from the money stringency in cotton planting districts.

2. That the pastors, upon whom the circulation of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings* primarily depends, be urged to renew the every member canvass, so that the high water mark of 6,700, not only be maintained, but be exceeded.

3. That the general management, including the loan of $9,000, be approved.

4. That the report of the Board be published in the minutes.

5. That we hereby record our sincere appreciation of the untiring efforts and marked success of Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., in conducting the editorial management of the *Visitor*, and in building up the publication interests to their present degree of prosperity. Together with Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., he took charge of the *Visitor* in a condition verging upon extinction. They

planned a union of the *Lutheran Visitor* and *Our Church Paper*, through the United Synod, and brought into existence the *Lutheran Church Visitor*. The publication cause was launched upon a small scale, a great many difficulties were overcome and huge obstacles were surmounted. As a result of his zeal, courage and effort, we have our excellent property on Sumter street, our prosperous business, and our promising outlook. In taking leave of him in this work, we owe it to ourselves, as well as to him, to make this record and wish him eminent success in that larger field upon which he has entered.

6. The incumbency of Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., though of only a few months, has already given proof of his superior ability. Having been pastor for a number of years in Charleston and closely identified with our work, he brings with him an individual acquaintance of our spirit and needs, giving special qualifications for his new field of service. We cordially welcome him and pledge him our loyal support.

7. We nominate the following members of our Board: G. B. Cromer, P. C. Price, A. H. Kohn, W. P. Cline, D. F. Efird, J. V. Sutton, S. J. Derrick and Rev. J. L. Cromer.

L. A. FOX,
E. A. SHENK,
J. E. COOPER,
A. P. SNIDER,
J. L. CROMER.

The nominees for Board of Publication were elected.

The Committee on Teacher Training reported. Report adopted.

(No. 33.)

Report of Committee on Teachers' Training Book.

We, your Committee appointed to prepare a Teacher Training Book for our Sunday school workers, beg to report that some work was done in preparation for such a book, but later decided that in the judgment of the Committee, there is sufficient material now offered by the various boards of the general principles of teacher training, and that the preparation of a specific teacher training book be postponed until the question of Sunday school literature in the United Synod is settled.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. CRONK,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
JOHN HALL,
J. HENRY HARMS.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

(No. 34.)

Report of Committee on Finance.

We recommend:

1. That the per capita assessment for the expenses of the United Synod be one cent instead of half a cent and that this item take the place of the action taken in the report of Finance and Apportionment.

2. That as the work usually considered in the province of this Committee has been assumed by that on Finance and Apportionment, this Committee be hereby stricken from the list.

C. A. FREED,
G. F. McALLISTER,
K. Y. UMBERGER,
J. LUTHER FRANTZ,
J. D. MAUNEY.

The Committee to nominate Board of Directors of Lowman Home reported. Report adopted. Board elected.

(No. 35.)

Committee to Nominate Board of Directors for the Lowman Home.

Your Committee to Nominate the Board of Directors for the Lowman Home beg to nominate the following named persons: Revs. W. H. Greever, D.D., Enoch Hite, C. W. Cassell, M. J. Epting, D.D., and Messrs. P. C. Price, Kenneth Baker, P. H. Haltiwanger, John A. Cline, Dr. A. B. Greiner.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS,
JNO. F. FICKEN,
JNO. A. CLINE.

Resolved, That in the unavoidable absence of Rev. J. H. Murphy from the meetings of the Board of Foreign Misisons, Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., be appointed, hereby to act as the proxy of Rev. J. H. Murphy in the meetings of the Board.

The Committee to nominate fraternal delegates to other bodies reported. Report adopted, and nominees elected.

(No. 36.)

Report of Committee to Nominate Fraternal Delegates.

Your Committee to nominate Fraternal Delegates to other general bodies suggests the following:

To the General Synod—Rev. J. H. Harms, principal; Rev. M. M. Kinard, alternate.

To the General Council—Rev. R. L. Fritz, principal, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. FULENWIDER,
O. W. ADERHOLDT,
T. W. SHEALY.

The Committee on District Synods reported as follows, which was adopted.

(No. 37.)

Report of Committee on District Synods.

Your Committee has the following to report, chiefly suggested by Minutes of the several Synods of the United Synod:

1. The ministers as a whole have been doing faithful and effective work along the lines of their holy calling, and the various congregations have in the main labored on their part to consistently follow the leadership of pastors.

In some instances short terms of pastoral services, and vacancies of frequent occurrence, and occasionally for long periods, have been of considerable disadvantage. Whether this is a result of pure restlessness, of inadequate salaries, or of any other causes, it seems that it would be well for all Synods to anxiously endeavor to correct this lamentable defect in the administration of church interests.

2. In all directions our Synods are engaged in expanding activities. Surely this is a most healthy symptom. Our Lutheran Church has great obligations not merely to care for its present constituency but also vigorously to press forward and outward to evangelize and save the people who live among and around our various congregations as well as develop energetically the home and foreign mission fields where she is seeking to do her part in the service of God and of humankind.

3. In Christian giving there has been advance, but evidently fuller consecration of means is a crying need in case of a great part of our general church membership. We suggest redoubled efforts to overcome this lack on the part of those who are thus derelict.

4. Educational and other interests are doing reasonably well. By all favorable advances we should be stimulated. By no reverses should we be discouraged. "Our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. BROWN,
E. A. REPASS,
P. E. MONROE,
J. M. GNANN.

Committee on Common Book of Worship reported. Report adopted.

(No. 38.)

Report of Committee on Common Book of Worship.

Your Committee on Common Book of Worship would report as follows:

The Committee has held three meetings. The chief and only important item of business transacted was the agreement entered into with the Board of Publication relative to royalty on the Book of Worship. A copy of the agreement is herewith submitted.

AGREEMENT ON ROYALTY FOR BOOK OF WORSHIP.

"The United Synod referred the fixing of the royalty on the Book of Worship to the Board of Publication and the Common Book Committee with power to act (Minutes, 1912, page 119).

"In the absence of any agreement in regard to the amount of royalty to be paid, the Board of Publication paid into the treasury of the United Synod the sum of three hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-five cents ($383.35), being the cost of printing the minutes of the convention of the United Synod at Richmond in 1910.

'The Board of Publication also offers to pay into the treasury of the United Synod the sum of four hundred and ninety-one dollars and twenty-seven cents ($491.27) being the cost of printing the minutes of the convention at Atlanta in 1912, as royalty on all books sold since the Richmond convention of the United Synod and that shall be sold until March 31, 1914.

"The Committee on the Common Book of Worship agrees to accept these payments as settlement in full for all demands of royalty until March 31, 1914.

"The Board of Publication and the Committee on Common Book of Worship agree that after April 1, 1914 the Board of Publication shall pay into the treasury of the United Synod a royalty on all sales of Books of Worship of three (3) per cent of the selling price of all styles of the Book.

"Signed:

"A. G. VOIGT,
"For the Committee on Common Book.
"W. H. GREEVER,
"For the Board of Publication.

"Columbia, S. C., November 1, 1913."

THE COMMON BOOK OF WORSHIP.

With reference to the Common Book of Worship your Committee have to report that the work is still not completed. Very material and gratifying progress has been made, however, in that complete agreement has been reached in regard to differences in the Common Service; the hymnal has received further revision, emendation, and enrichment; and tunes for the hymns have been chosen by the Sub-Committee on Music. As soon as this Committee is ready to report settings for the liturgical services the completion of the manuscript for the press should not be long delayed.

The expenses of the Committee in connection with this work during the biennium have been $132.08, all of which has been paid. Through the generosity of the General Council and General Synod in consideration of the greater expense of your Committee in attending meetings certain charges for printing, etc., have been borne by those bodies.

Recommendations:

1. We submit to this body our agreement with the Board of Publication with reference to royalty on the Book of Worship for consideration and action.

2. We recommend that work on the Common Book in cooperation with the other bodies be continued.

3. That this body record its indebtedness to the General Synod and the General Council for their payment of expenses thus far incurred for printing, etc., in connection with the work on the Common Book, and that we do hereby acknowledge this generosity with thanks.

4. That, in view of the probable completion of the labors of the Joint Committee before the next meeting of the United Synod and the consequent need of money to pay for the printing of a proof copy of the complete book, the Synod provide for this contingency and authorize the payment of our proportionate part of such expense, as may be agreed upon by the Joint Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
A. G. VOIGT,
L. A. FOX,
E. C. CRONK.

The Secretary was authorized to have the United Synod minutes from 1863 to 1912, donated by him to this Synod, substantially bound, and placed in the Library of our Theological Seminary, at Synod's expense—Treasurer to pay for same.

The Synod passed a vote of thanks to the Secretary for this valuable gift.

The Common Book Committee was continued as follows: Revs. M. G. G. Scherer, A. G. Voigt, L. A. Fox and E. C. Cronk.

The Committee on Christian Unity reported. Report adopted.

(No. 39.)

Report of Committee on Christian Unity.

The special occasion for the consideration of Christian Unity at this time is a courteous invitation from the Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church to the United Synod to cooperate in promoting and arranging for a conference on Faith and Order by appointing a commission to act jointly with commissions from the Church named and from other communions.

In regard to this invitation we recommend that, inasmuch as the action of the United Synod, taken two years ago at Atlanta (see Minutes, 1912, page 105) still expresses the attitude of this body towards the subject of Christian unity in general and this invitation in particular, we reiterate that action, viz:

We have on file a courteous letter from a commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, with regard to a World Conference to be held in 1913, for the "Consideration of Questions Touching Faith and Order," asking us to unite with them in arranging for and conducting such conference. We cannot but rejoice in the spirit which prompts this movement toward a truer unity among Christians "confessing our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour," and trust that we, as a Lutheran body are sincerely in accord with the prayer of our

Saviour, "That they all may be one," and are willing to lay aside all self-will, and be bound by the Word of God only; nevertheless we deem it best to defer official action in the premises, not in the spirit, however, of separatism, but in brotherly love and good will to all who confess Jesus Christ as God and Saviour.

But while we cannot see our way clear to official participation in the Conference on Faith and order referred to, we think it is timely to give practical expression of our profound and abiding interest in the unity of the church and whatever tends to promote it.

Therefore, we recommend that a standing committee on Church Unity be appointed, whose duty it shall be to gather information in regard to the progress of Christian Unity in the world through the World Conference on Faith and Order or any other movement with this high end in view, especially movements within the Lutheran Church in this country. This committee may, according to its discretion, attend conferences on Christian Unity to study and to learn, and, when suitable occasion arises, to bear witness of the faith we hold, and also when specially instructed by the United Synod or the Executive Committee, to act in a representative capacity.

The committee shall from time to time report to the United Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. VOIGT,
L. A. FOX,
L. L. LOHR.

The Standing Committee on Church Unity, provided for in this report, was constituted as follows: Revs. A. G. Voigt, J. A. Morehead, and J. C. Seegers.

The Committee to nominate Board of Education reported. Report adopted, and nominees elected.

(No. 40.)

Report of Committee to Nominate a Board of Education.

We submit the names of the following persons to constitute the Board of Education for the ensuing biennium: Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Dr. E. W. Peery, Revs. J. H. Wannemacher, C. P. MacLaughlin, C. F. W. Hoppe, D.D., J. W. Horine, D.D., Mr. J. H. Rehder.

H. A. McCULLOUGH,
G. F. McALLISTER,
G. C. HINE.

The following on Church Architecture and furnishings was adopted :

Church Architecture.

Whereas, It is evident that sufficient attention has not been given in many sections of our Church to the devotional and practical value and the significance of pure church architecture and church furnishings and equipment.

Resolved, That by appointment of our President, this Synod create a standing committee to be known as the Committee on Church Art and Architecture, whose duties in addition to those indicated by its name, shall be to offer suggestions and if feasible to provide plans for churches, parsonages and church institutional buildings, and to seek to develop good taste and sound judgment of our people in such matters.

Committee: Revs. C. K. Hunton, J. G. Gongaware, and J. C. Seegers.

The Secretary was authorized to have 4,000 copies of the proceedings of this Synod printed for free distribution; and the Treasurer is authorized to pay for the same. Also to pay to the sextons of St. Paul's and Ebenezer Churches each $5 for services rendered during this Convention of Synod.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the United Synod express its grateful appreciation of the generous hospitality of the pastors and people of Ebenezer, St. Paul's and other Lutheran Churches, of the courtesy of the city press, the many kindnesses of the Manager of the Board of Publication and of others who have contributed to the comfort and pleasure of this body during its stay in Columbia, S. C.

Next Convention.

The *Time,* as to the month and day, of next convention of this body, to be convened in St. Paul's church, Wilmington, N. C., in 1916, was, on motion, left with the Executive Committee and the Pastor loci.

The minutes of the sessions of today were read and confirmed, the minutes of previous sessions having been already approved.

The Synod adjourned, and was closed by the President, using the form provided in our Book of Worship.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and faithful record of the proceedings of the Fourteenth Convention of the

United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South—to the best of my knowledge and belief—held in St. Paul's and Ebenezer Lutheran churches, Columbia, S. C., November 10-13, 1914.

S. T. HALLMAN, Secretary.

Spratanburg, S. C.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Paul's Church.—Rev. F. G. Gotwald, D.D., York, Pa., 11:15 a. m.; at 4 p. m., addresses by Revs. J. A. Morehead, D.D., Salem, Va., and W. H. Greever, D.D., Columbia, S. C. Following these addresses, the new church was dedicated, the following ministers taking part: Revs. A. G. Voigt, D.D., J. W. Horine, D.D., C. A. Freed, D.D., M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., L. G. M. Miller, D.D., H. A. McCullough, pastor, and S. T. Hallman, D.D.

Ebenezer Church.—At 11:15 a. m., Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., Salem, Va., and at 8 p. m., Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., Winchester, Va.

St. Luke's.—At 11:15 a. m., Rev. T. B. Epting, Jackson, Miss.

LIST OF VISITING MINISTERS.

Rev. Jacob Austin, Leesville, S. C.
Rev. R. Homer Anderson, Pomaria, S. C.
Rev. S. C. Ballentine, Leesville, S. C.
Rev. A. W. Ballentine, Lingle, Miss.
Rev. H. E. Beatty, Orangeburg, S. C.
Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh, Prosperity, S. C.
Rev. A. R. Beck, Dallas, N. C.
Rev. Chas. K. Bell, Kings Mountain, N. C.
Rev. P. M. Bikle, D.D., Gettysburg, Pa.
Rev. L. P. Boland, Lone Star, S. C.
Rev. F. B. Clausen, Wilmington, N. C.
Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., White Rock, S. C.
Rev. J. I. Coiner, Pulaski, Va.
Rev. W. A. Craun, Portsmouth, Va.
Rev. B. W. Cronk, Prosperity, S. C.
Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. P. H. E. Derrick, Blythewood, S. C.
Rev. J. C. Dietz, Gastonia, N. C.
Rev. J. K. Efird, Gilbert, S. C.
Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D., Charleston, S. C.
Rev. J. G. Gongaware, Charleston, S. C.
Rev. D. B. Groseclose, Fairfax, S. C.
Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., LL.D., Allentown, Pa.
Rev. J. B. Harman, Senoia, Ga.
Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. M. D. Huddle, Irmo, S. C.
Rev. Wm. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Rufus E. Kern, Marion, Va.
Rev. M. L. Kester, Johnston, S. C.
Rev. E. H. Kohn, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Brookland, S. C.
Rev. Prof. F. P. Manhart, D.D., Selinsgrove, Pa.
Rev. G. W. McClanahan, Wilmington, N. C.
Rev. C. L. Miller, Greenville, S. C.
Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph.D., Marion, Va.
Rev. Prof. J. P. Miller, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. G. H. C. Park, Kannapolis, N. C.
Rev. R. S. Patterson, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. B. E. Petrea, Wytheville, Va.
Rev. C. R. Pless, Concord, N. C.
Rev. V. C. Ridenhour, Albemarle, N. C.
Rev. W. H. Riser, China Grove, N. C.
Rev. Y. von A. Riser, Pomaria, S. C.
Rev. P. D. Risinger, Lexington, S. C.
Rev. W. J. Roof, Newberry, S. C.
Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. J. A. Sligh, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. D. A. Sox, Carrollton, Ga.
Rev. B. L. Stroup, Newton, N. C.
Rev. L. A. Thomas, Lexington, S. C.
Rev. Jno. H. Wannemacher, Hickory, N. C.
Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D., Sumter, S. C.

Standing Resolutions.

June 26, 1886, to November 14, 1914.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses*: That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled*: That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of this Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Accepts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board*: That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled: 1904, p. 117: That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions, (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work. (Note—Modified by the creation of two Boards).

4. 1904, p. 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised*: That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of one-half cent per capita be laid upon the District Synods, beginning with this convention, and that such District Synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention.

5. 1904, p. 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated*: That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasions of the presentations of the several

causes of synod the offerings shall be devoted, unless otherwise ordered, to cause, or causes, presented.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution*: We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

9. 1904, p. 124. *Divorce*: The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the purview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church can not but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to inculcate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps also for willful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, (there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living; therefore no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God Himself—that is, by the death of one of the parties.) The clause in parenthesis is qualified by the action of 1908.—Sec'y.

1908, pp. 45, 46. *Divorce—Qualification*: At the ninth convention of this body a series of propositions on Divorce and Remarriage was submitted for consideration at the following convention (Min. IX. Conv., p. 124). At the last convention these propositions were simply ordered to be reprinted (Min. X. Conv., p. 72).

The United Synod now expresses its judgment in regard to these propositions as follows:

They contain a timely and forceful statement of the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce, now unhappily so widely prevalent. But they require qualification so as to recognize the right of the innocent party to remarry.

The dissolution of the marriage bond for reasons explicitly recognized by our Lord and in Scripture must be regarded as sanctioned by God Himself, and the innocent party "is not under bondage in such cases" (I. Cor. 7:15). There is nothing in Scripture to forbid such marriages of the innocent party, for the passages, Matt. 5:32; 19-9; Mk. 10:11, 12; Lu. 16:18, imply that there was no true dissolution of marriage. Accordingly the Smalkald Articles (Jacob's translation, p. 35) declare: "Unjust also is the tradition which forbids an innocent person to marry after divorce."

10. p. 7, 1912. *Titles*: Hereafter all titles of ministers shall be omitted from the body of our Minutes, except on the Roll of Synod and in recording names of officers elected.

11. 1910, pp. 82, 89, 102. *Periods of Offerings*: That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

The Reformation season be adopted as Home Mission period in all our Sunday schools.

That the Epiphany season be recognized as Foreign Mission Festival in all our congregations; and that "April Japan Day" be designated as the season for special offerings for the Japan Mission in all our Sunday schools.

That all the Sunday schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the support of the Home; when suitable, such offerings to be taken during the summer months.

12. 1910, p. 101. *Mission Reports—When Made*: That the Boards of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions and of Publication shall submit their reports in printed form at the first session of each convention of the United Synod; and that these reports be referred to appropriate committees at once, and that these be presented in connection with the reports of these committees.

13. 1914. The following resolutions, adopted in 1900, p. 95, were ordered inserted among Standing Resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we recognize with sincerest pleasure the attendance at this Convention of so large a delegation from among our brethren of the Tennessee Synod.

Resolved, 2. That their delegation be fraternally requested to use such efforts as may seem best to them, and as they conscientiously can, to secure, on the part of their entire body, clerical and lay, harmonious co-operation in carrying forward all the general interests of the United Synod.

Resolved, 3. That in view of the position heretofore occupied by the Tennessee Synod with regard to full and active co-operatian with this body, this United Synod does now assure the Tennessee Synod that it is most sincerely desirous, in the prosecution of our common work, that nothing may be done calculated to burden the consciences of the brethren of any of our Synods. All our Synods are founded on the Word of God, and the Confessions of the Church in accordance with it, and all are equally bound to frame their practice and fulfill their duty in accordance with a candid and conscientious conviction of the true and proper sense of that Word, and our Confessions on it founded.

Charter of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

State of South Carolina—Executive Department.
By the Secretary of State.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, R. A. Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C., and W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 12th day of March, A D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That a meeting of the aforesaid organization held, pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said corporation, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State*, a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid declaration would be filed.

And whereas, That said Declaration and Petition further declared and affirmed:

First. Their names and residences are as above given.

Second. The name of the proposed corporation is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod.

Third. The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to conduct and manage the work of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, as shall from time to time be authorized and directed by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; the members of the said corporation to be elected by the said United Synod as its rules shall require. And with the power to acquire, hold, manage, convey and mortgage property, real and personal, as authorized by law.

Fifth. The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows: Rev. R. A. Yoder, D.D., president; Rev. W. H. Riser, secretary; John M. Rhodes, treasurer.

Sixth. That they desired to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities conferred by said Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto.

GIVEN UNDER My Hand and the Seal of the State, at Columbia, this 12th day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand and nine hundred and nine and in the one hundred and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(Seal)

R. M. McCOWN,
Secretary of State.

Recorded in office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, for Richland County, S. C., this 17th day of March, 1909, in Corporation Book at page 295 and certified to by

J. F. WALKER, C. C. C. P. and G. S.

Charter of the United Synod.

(*Statutes at Large of South Carolina, Vol. XX, page* 784.)

No. 512. AN ACT to incorporate the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same: That all those persons who now or may hereafter become members of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South" be, and the same are hereby, declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

Sec. 2. That the said society shall be able and capable in law and equity to have, hold, and receive, enjoy, possess, and retain, all such property, real and personal, as they may now be possessed of of in any wise entitled to, or which shall have been or shall hereafter be given, bequeathed, or in any way acquired, and to sell, alien, or otherwise part with the same or any part thereof, as they shall deem proper or expedient.

Sec. 3. That the said society shall by its proper name have succession of officers and members, to be chosen according to the rules and by-laws made or to be made for its government and direction; and shall have power and authority to make rules, regulations, and by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the land, and to have, keep, and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter at will: to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law; and to have and enjoy all the rights and privileges incident or belonging to incorporated bodies.

Approved December 24, A. D. 1890.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

FIFTH CONVENTION

of the

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

of the

UNITED SYNOD

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South

Held in Columbia, S. C., November 7-10, 1914

FIRST SESSION.

Sunday School Room of Ebenezer Church,
Columbia, S. C., November 7, 1914.

The Woman's Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South met in the Sunday School room of Ebenezer Church, November 7, 1914.

At 3 p. m. a Bible Study, entitled, "A Character Study of Abraham," was led by Mrs. Herbert C. Bell, of the White Bible School, New York. Following this a Mission Study class in "The Child in the Midst" was conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

At 4 p. m. the Conference was formally opened by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The following officers and secretaries were present:

President—Mrs. W. F. Morehead.
First Vice President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.
Sixth Vice President—Mrs. I. D. Worman.
Seventh Vice President—Mrs. W. J. Boger.
Recording Secretary—Miss Constance Cline.
Corresponding and Statistical Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Harms.
Editor and Secretary of Literature—Mrs. E. C. Cronk.
Secretary of Young People's Work—Miss Constance Cline.
Secretary of Children's Work—Mrs. J. H. Harms.
Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Boger.
Mission Study Secretary—Miss Annie Milne.

The delegates were enrolled as follows:

Southwestern Virginia—Mrs. W. R. Brown, Miss May Scherer, Mrs. H. N. Miller, Mrs. J. G. Bringman.

South Carolina—Mrs. Kate Eargle, Mrs. Herbert C. Bell, Mrs. J. L. Wise, Mrs. B. W. Cronk, Mrs. Edward Fulenwider.

North Carolina—Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Mrs. A. W. Winecoff, Miss Mattie Miller, Mrs. V. Y. Boozer, Mrs. W. H. Riser, Mrs. V. C. Ridenhour.

Georgia—Mrs. W. E. Pugh, Miss Lalla McGraw, Mrs. A. Hoppe.

Holston—Mrs. W. J. Caldwell, Miss Louie Bible.

Virginia—Mrs. H. H. Blease, Mrs. I. D. Worman.

Tennessee—Mrs. R. A. Yoder, Mrs. L. S. Trotti, Mrs. R. L. Fritz.

Mississippi—Mrs. T. B. Epting.

Words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. R. C. Holland and response was made by Mrs. J. G. Bringman.

Synodical messages were brought to the Conference as follows:

Mrs. W. R. Brown, for Southwestern Virginia Synod.

Mrs. Kate Eargle, for South Carolina Synod.

Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, for North Carolina Synod.

Mrs. A. Hoppe, for Georgia Synod.

Mrs. W. J. Caldwell, for Holston Synod.

Mrs. I. D. Worman, for Virginia Synod.

Mrs. R. A. Yoder, for Tennessee Synod.

Mrs. T. B. Epting, for Mississippi Synod.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, for General Synod.

Mrs. Chas. L. Fry, for General Council.

Advisory Members.

All visiting ministers and Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. J. A. Thom, Mrs. P. R. Misenheimer, Mrs. A. J. Bowers, Mrs. F. P. Cover, Mrs. Hinson, Mrs. J. Q. Wertz, and Mrs. R. C. Holland were enrolled as advisory members.

The President read her report.

Report of President.

Dear Friends and Fellow-workers: Heretofore when my thoughts have turned to the message that I should bring to you, a profound thankfulnes to almighty God for His manifold blessings and evident favor has been uppermost. Today the thankfulness is yet more profound, but with it comes an almost overwhelming sense of humility, together with the added feeling of responsibility that confronts every member of God's Kingdom in America. No

thinking man or woman can escape the conclusion that henceforth we must interpret duty, opportunity and obligation in terms which have reference to that titanic conflict which has been so aptly termed the suicide of European Civilization.

So grim, so fearful and so heart-paralyzing has become the terror that flieth by night, and so overwhelming the destruction that wasteth at noon-day that the imagination falters and language fails.

Our usual interests, however great, our usual problems, however pressing, seem petty and insignificant in comparison to the great tide of human misery now slowly rising to its height. When exhaustion, physical and economic, brings this war to an end, it will doubtless be America's task to lead in the colossal work of reconstruction that must follow. It will be especially the duty of the Church in America to preserve that ideal of the Christian nation now being so rudely shattered in the eyes of the East.

It was for the healing of the nations that the tree of life was planted in the holy city, and bear twelve manner of fruits. And it is to the healing doctrines of the Gospel to its remedies for the diseases which are racking our modern civilization that our eyes are turned instinctively today. Especially here in America, far from the scenes of actual conflict, we think of the religion of Christ as containing remedies for which, in its unfathomable misery, the warring world will have to turn, and we desire to be in readiness to exercise a healing ministry. "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Can we, dare we appropriate a like vision for the Church in America. As followers of Christ, we can, and with His help, we must. We turn to God to aid us in our sympathy; to guide, to purify, and direct into helpful channels those emotions by which each of us is so profoundly moved.

Already opportunities lie thick before us in the appeals which come to us from the missionaries of other nations who must see the labor of years made of none effect unless the Church in America can come to their aid.

EXTENSION OF WORK.

But to turn from these scenes from which we would so gladly escape to our more immediate problems. We must always re-

member that we can only grow worthy of larger responsibilities by fulfilling to the letter those already entrusted to us. We find that the women of our United Synod are pressing steadily forward in our chosen field of endeavor. At each biennial meeting since our organization it has been our pleasure to hear of a new Synodical society, and frequently the zeal and energy displayed by our new recruits put some of us to shame. We greet this year the synodical body composed of the women of the Tennessee and Georgia Synods. The interest in the Young People's Societies and in the Mission Study classes is likewise noteworthy.

At our last Conference a number of new secretaries were appointed to look after the interests of the various departments of our work. Perhaps all of us were too unfamiliar with the duties involved in these offices for very efficient work to have been done. But we have made a beginning; there has been sincere effort on the part of some of these officers, and we hope very much that the discussions of the work of the various departments will help us to gain a clearer idea of the needs and possibilities involved.

A request has come for a uniform constitution for Synodical Societies. Such a constitution has been drafted by the Executive Committee and will be submitted for your consideration.

Again we would express our appreciation of the untiring effort and successful accomplishments of our General Literature Committee. The real burden of the work of the Conference rests upon their devoted shoulders. We owe them not only gratitude but such financial support as will make their work possible without too great personal sacrifice.

We are greatly indebted, too, to Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps for her faithful conduct of the Woman's Department in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and to our Board of Publication for the generous offer of the weekly page for this department.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

The sending out of our two young women missionaries to Japan marks the beginning of a new era in our work. It is a matter for congratulation that the money necessary for their support has been so promptly forthcoming. The action of the several Synodical Societies makes it necessary only for our Conference to suggest such a division of the amount needed as will assure their continued support. The Conference is to be congratulated, too, upon the fact that two such well-equipped young women should have been ready to accept the call to work in Japan.

Our thanks are due to the Motherhouse in Baltimore and to the Mary J. Drexel Home for the fact that our missionaries have had the great benefit of the training in these institutions, and that no claims for the expense involved in their training have been presented to our Board. We can show our appreciation in a practical way by urging the claims of the deaconess work upon our young women. Both Motherhouses lament the lack of applicants for the office.

OUR HOME MISSION WORK.

Each Synodical Society has in the past decided upon its own Home Mission work. Are we ready for united effort along these lines? It has been suggested that the Children's societies unite upon the Birmingham Church for their special Home Mission work. What is the pleasure of the Conference in regard to this matter?

The puzzling question of how to preserve the balance between the undesignated contributions known as the general fund and contributions for special objects is one that engages the attention of every mission board and every synodical officer. We should be glad to have some expression of opinion from the Conference on this point.

In conclusion, I desire to express grateful appreciation of the unfailing consideration and hearty cooperation shown by all members of the Conference. I am also deeply sensible of the high honor you have done me in making me your presiding officer for four successive terms. This trust is returned to you with best wishes and prayers for the increasing growth and prosperity of our sacred cause.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WYTHE F. MOREHEAD.

Special committees were appointed, and Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps was asked to report the meeting to the *Lutheran Church Visitor.* The session adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D.

SECOND SESSION.

Sunday, November 8, 1914.

9:30 a. m. (Ebenezer Church)—Delegates' Hour of Prayer was led by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

11:15 a. m., Conference sermon by Rev John W. Horine, D.D. At this time the Holy Communion was administered.

THIRD SESSION.

Sunday, November 8, 1914.

3:30 p. m., Children's Meeting (Ideal Auditorium), led by Mrs. J. H. Harms. An illustrated talk, "Children of the World," was given by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, accompanied by a children's chorus.

FOURTH SESSION.

Sunday, November 8, 1914.

8 p. m. (St. Paul's Church), Mrs. W. F. Morehead presiding. An address, "The Black War Clouds and Their Rainbow of Promise," by Mrs. Chas. L. Fry, Philadelphia, editor of the *Mission Worker*, and an address, "The Imperative Need of Christian Missions in Japan," by Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D., Saga, Japan, were the features of the evening.

FIFTH SESSION.

Monday, November 9, 1914.

9:30 a. m., Bible Study, "The Social Teachings of the Book of the Covenant," Mrs. H. C. Bell.

10:30 a. m., Mission Study, "The Child at School," Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Prayer, led by Rev. W. H. Riser.

After the roll call and reading of the minutes, routine business was taken up.

The Report of the Literature Committee was read, received and referred to the proper committee.

Report of the General Literature Committee.

The past biennium has been marked by decided changes and advance in our literature work.

NEW HEADQUARTERS.

Soon after the meeting in Atlanta we moved into our new headquarters in the Lutheran Publication Building in Columbia. The office was furnished largely by special contributions, and while the equipment is not complete it will be easy now to increase it according to the gradual growth of the work. An Underwood typewriter has been purchased during the year.

This Conference cannot appreciate too highly the generosity of the Lutheran Board of Publication in providing our literature

headquarters. Not only have they provided the room but have given help in many ways. There has been the most delightful co-operation between our committee and the Board in the handling and distribution of missionary literature.

To the courtesy of Dr. W. H. Greever, General Manager, and of his successor, Dr. J. W. Horine, to the artistic ability and the special interest which Mr. M. L. Farrell, manager of the printing department, has shown in the development of our leaflet literature, to the never-failing helpfulness of Mr. R. C. Counts and Mr. W. P. Houseal, we owe much of the success of the work of the biennium.

CLERICAL WORK.

Miss Lottie Wyse has given regularly two hours a day and many extra hours to the clerical work of the office. She has been of invaluable assistance and has made it possible for the Secretary of Literature to carry on the work.

The growth of the work has been such that some arrangement must be made to meet the growing demands of the office and to supplement the small amount of $10 per month allowed for this purpose. This is the only salary that has been paid by the committee.

LEAFLETS PRINTED.

During the biennium 424,500 pieces of literature have been printed. Of these 413,000 were leaflets, and 11,500 were programs, which is an increase of 245,000 over the preceding biennium.

In addition to this we have circulated about 35,000 leaflets printed by other Boards.

The following new publications have been printed: The Idol With An Apron, Some Immigrants I Have Known, Just As Good for Them, Sowing Prayers in America, Week of Prayer Folders, Bible Study Leaflets, Knowing Jesus Makes a Difference, From Calvary to Olivet, The Candy Baby, The House That Wears an Overcoat, The Story of a Popgun, Lutheran Fact Series, A Plea for the Twelve, The Hindered Christ, A Letter of Introduction, Careless Daughters, A Missionary Carol, As Thy Servant Was Busy Here and There, Invitations to Week of Prayer, Sin Bearers of Paper, From the Pulpit of a Hospital Cot, I Am the Immigrant, America, Unsatisfied, Mission's First, The Best for Christ, God's Answer, The Measure of Their Fidelity, All that We Ask, For You and For Many, The Path the Calf Made, A Lutheran of the New Japan, Miriam's Thanksgiving Prayer, Rope Holders, I Wonder What I

Would Do, Hands for the Master's Use, Give Them to Eat, Our Living Links, Here and There, Little Builders, A Thousand Miles With a Message, Ginger Bread or Missions, A Bag of Wishes, Visions of the Christmas Star, The Conquering Cross, Japanese Women I Have Known, All the Children of the World, From the Women of the East, The Doing Without Box, The Girl Who Volunteered, Thank Offering Service, Life Membership Folders, When Little Pine Prayed, The Banana Tree, Amah San's Mistake, Young Japan at Prayer, A Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, The Opportunities that Sail Back.

The only payments made to authors for manuscripts has been in the case of co-operative publications, our committee paying its proportionate share of the $5 allowed for such manuscripts.

COOPERATIVE LITERATURE WORK.

There has been a marked increase in co-operative literature production. The co-operative committee, consisting of a representative from the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod, has issued a number of manuscripts which will be reported by our representative on that committee. Also there has been most satisfactory co-operation between our committee and the General Council committee in the publication of the monthly programs. It is scarcely possible for us to realize the extent of the influence in the circulation of these programs. A recent request that we add figures for Lutheranism in Canada when giving statistics suggests it.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS.

There has been a decided increase in the sale of programs. The first program order placed by the present secretary in 1908 was for 250 copies. The order for 1915 is 4,700.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE.

A meeting of our committee with the program committee of the Young People's Federation of the South Carolina Synod was held in November, 1912, to discuss the advisability of issuing special programs for Young People's Societies. The situation is rather complicated as the relationship of the Young People's Societies to the Women's Conventions is different in the various Synods. In South Carolina there is no connection other than advisory between the Women's societies and the Young People's societies, and therefore the furnishing of programs for these societies does not come

within the province of our committee. In the other Synods the Young People's societies form a part of the Women's Synodical organization, and we have been furnishing them with the same literature used by the Women's societies. The Literature Committee of the Federation of Young People's Societies of the South Carolina Synod issued excellent programs for 1914, and they have 1915 programs in press. This action was taken with the hearty indorsement of our committee and not in any opposition to it. It suggests the advisability of co-operation on the part of the Young People's societies of all the Synods in the publication of literature to meet their specific needs. It is developing not only splendid programs but marked ability on the part of some of our young writers.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE.

The work of supplying Children's programs which is only four years old has grown rapidly. These programs have had a wide sale outside of the United Synod as well as outside of our own denomination. The call for the little red boxes has noticeably decreased in the biennium.

THANK OFFERING DEPARTMENT.

There has been a growth in the demand for Thank Offering literature. To meet this a special thank offering service prepared by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps has been published.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT.

Life Membership certificates have been printed. Also a leaflet explaining the purpose of Life Memberships.

EXHIBITS.

More interest than usual has been taken in the literature exhibits at the Synodical Conventions and larger sales made. Our literature exhibits at inter-denominational conventions have resulted in large sales to other Boards.

WEEK OF PRAYER LITERATURE.

The demand for Week of Prayer literature is increasing. Last year a program, entitled "The Conquering Cross," for use of public meetings to conclude the Week of Prayer, was prepared by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps and published by the committee. It was widely and effectively used.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS.

The number of Mission Study classes is growing steadily and there is a noticeable increase in the sale of text-books. The figures given in our report do not represent the total circulatiion of Mission Study books, as a large number of the orders are sent to the Lutheran Publication Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend that the thanks of this Conference be given to the Lutheran Board of Publication for providing our Literature Headquarters, and to the managers of the different departments for their interest and help in advancing our work.

2. That we recommend to the young people of the various Synods that they consider the advisability of co-operation in the publication of programs.

3. That all of our Synodical Societies be urged to adopt uniform plans for the Thank Offering, and that this Conference designate November as Thank Offering month, urging all Synodical Thank Offering Secretaries to communicate immediately with their auxiliary societies, urging them to arrange a public thank offering service in November, using the service, "Receiving and Rendering."

4. That the responsibility for securing literature exhibits for the synodical conventions be placed on each Synodical Literature Secretary.

5. That the amount expected of each synodical convention for the support of the literature work be named by this Conference.

6. That an auditing committee be appointed to examine the books of the General Literature Committee for the next biennium before the meeting of the Conference and report at that meeting.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
Committee.

Statement of Secretary of Literature.

RECEIPTS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1912, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1914.

Sale of Programs	$	453 39
Sale of Leaflets of our own Publication		799 45
Sale of Leaflets of other Boards		20 76
United Service Books		75 93
Program Packets		43 70

Junior Program Packets	71 89
Literature appropriations	535 00
Mission Study Text-books	226 03
Mission Study Helps	1 40
Music sheets	14 61
Subscription to Everyland	1 50
Subscription to Lutheran Mission Worker	1 00
Subscription to Lutheran Woman's Work	2 00
Subscription to Foreign Missionary	25
Missionary Exercises and Reciations	12 53
Easter Services—Message of Light	11 63
Office Furniture	56 20
Books (other than Text-book)	24 13
Postage	8 79
Clerical work	150 00
Charts	3 00
Birthday boxes	26
Thank-offering Literature	90
Week of Prayer Literature	26 12
Japan Curio box	1 50
Mite Boxes (Special order)	23 13
Muhlenberg portraits	1 00
Credit Missionary Education Movement	1 00
Balance on hand, Nov. 1, 1912	9 89
Total	$ 2,578 99

Disbursements From November 1, 1912, to November 1, 1914.

Postage	$ 181 39
Other Boards for Leaflets	119 32
Printing	1,195 99
Stationery and office supplies	19 91
Postoffice box rent	12 00
Express and freight	29 79
Mission Study Text-books	175 70
Mission Study Helps	3 99
Drayage	6 30
Subscriptions to Everyland	40
Subscriptions to Foreign Missionary	50
Subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work	1 00
Subscriptions to Lutheran Mission Worker	1 00
Cuts and electros	16 20
Clerical work	235 00
Japanese postcards	2 50

Office furnishings	113 17
Books (other than Mission Study)	24 17
Literature exhibitor	15 50
Manuscripts (for Co-operative Publication)	40 00
Thank-offering boxes	28 67
Mite boxes	19 63
Typewriter	69 19
Missionary exercises and recitations	31 08
Total	$ 2,342 40

MRS. E. C. CRONK, Secretary of Literature.

The Report of Advisory Committee to Board of Foreign Missions was read adopted.

Report of Advisory Committee to the Board of Foreign Missions.

This committee held one meeting at the call of the President of the Board of Foreign Missions. At this time it was decided to extend the call to Miss Bowers and Miss Akard to the work in Japan. Since this time all necessary details have been settled by correspondence with the Board of Foreign Missions.

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD,
MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. R. L. PATTERSON.

The financial statement of the Board of Foreign Missions was read and ordered printed in the minutes.

Financial Statement of Board of Foreign Missions.

Board of Foreign Missions of United Synod in Account With Woman's Missionary Conference—In re Woman's Work in Japan.

RECEIPTS.

1913.		
Nov.	Y. P. Federation, S. C., outfit of Miss B.	$ 100 00
	Mrs. A. W. Winecoff, treasurer	350 00
Dec.	Miss Cline, treasurer	500 00
1914.		
	Y. P. Federation, S. C., support Miss B.	500 00
	Mrs. Allworden, treasurer	557 93

	Woman's Society, Southwestern Virginia Synod	200 00
	Woman's Society, Virginia Synod	200 55
	St. John's church, Statesville, N. C.	14 41
	St. Andrew's, Hickory, N. C.	6 40
Oct. 15	Total Receipts	$ 2,429 29

DISBURSEMENTS.

1913.		
Nov.	Outfit for Misses A. and B.	$ 300 00
Dec.	Transit tickets for Misses A. and B.	413 55
1914.		
	Transit incidentals, Miss A.	37 50
	Transit incidentals, Miss B.	52 50
	Transit salary, for both for ten months—Feb. to Nov.	1,000 00
	Incidentals—rent, teachers' allowance, supplementary, March to November, health allowance	365 00
		$ 2,168 55
	Balance	260 74
		$ 2,429 29
Oct. 16.	Additional of Miss Cline, treasurer (?)	$ 500 00

ROBERT C. HOLLAND,
President.

The report of Corresponding and Statistical Secretary was read and adopted.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

NOVEMBER, 1912, TO NOVEMBER, 1914.

North Carolina Synod.—Women's societies, 53; members, 1689.
Virginia Synod.—Societies, 20; members (about), 450.
South Carolina Synod.—Women's, 78; members, 2000.
Southwest Virginia Synod.—Women's Societies, 34; members, 6000.
Holston Synod.—Women's Societies, 20; members, 347.
Georgia Synod.—Organization too recent for reports.
Tennessee Synod.—Women's Societies, 21; members, 250.

MRS. JOHN G. BRINGMAN.

Report of Treasurer was received and adopted.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Life Membership	$ 155 00
Offering at 1912 Convention	8 00
Virginia Synodical Society	5 00
Southwestern Virginia Synodical Society	5 00
Total	$ 173 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. Cronk, for clerical work	$ 150 00
Janitor at 1912 Convention	1 00
Board of Pub., for programs	6 83
Board of Pub., for Life Membership certificates	7 50
Literature Com. at Baltimore, for Life Memb'ship badges	5 62
Balance	2 05
Total	$ 173 00

MRS. J. H. HARMS, Treasurer.

Report of Editorial Board was received and adopted.

Report of Editorial Board.

Your Committee appointed at the last biennial meeting to devise improved and more satisfactory plans for the Woman's Missionary Department regret to report that nothing has been accomplished favorable to changed conditions. Quite recently the Committee held a conference with the present Editor, Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D., but no definite action has been taken and no suggestions have been offered upon which we can make any recommendations to this Conference.

MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. J. H. HARMS,
MRS. E. C. CRONK.

Greetings from the General Synod were spoken by Mrs K. B. Shaffer; from the General Council, by Mrs. Chas. L. Fry; from the United Norwegian Church, by Mrs. G. Taylor Rygh; from the United Synod, by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., and from Foreign Mission Board, by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D.

The Noontide Hour of Prayer was led by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps. A letter from Miss Mary Lou Bowers, Tokyo, Japan, was read by

Mrs. E. C. Cronk, and the session closed with the benediction by Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D.

At the close of the meeting a delightful luncheon was served by the ladies of Ebenezer and St. Paul's Churches at the home of Mrs. C. A. Freed.

SIXTH SESSION.

Monday, November 9, 1914.

2:30 p. m. (Ebenezer Church), Bible Study, "The Holy Land and Its People as Seen in St. Mark's Gospel." Mrs. Herbert C. Bell.

3. p. m. Mission Study, "The Child at Worship." Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

3:30 p. m., quartette by Messrs. Huffman, Yost, Petrea and Morgan.

The roll was called and the minutes read.

A letter from Miss Martha Akard, Tokyo, Japan, was read by Mrs. J. G. Bringman. It was suggested that the officers and delegates, during the sessions of the Convention, write a convention letter to "our missionary girls" in Japan.

The report of the Executive Committee was read, received and adopted by items.

Report of Executive Committee.

We, your Executive Committee, recommend:

1. That Article VI of the By-Laws be amended as follows:

Department Secretaries shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at each Conference for developing different lines of special work. The Secretary of the work in each department shall co-operate with the secretaries of the same work in each of the Synodical Societies. It shall be the duty of each General Secretary to see that the work of her department is properly presented at the Synodical Conventions.

2. That we request the editor of the United Synod Church Almanac to publish a list of the officers and General Secretaries of our Conference and Synodical Societies.

3. That instead of electing one person to fill the office of Editor and Secretary of Literature the work be divided—one person being appointed Editor and another Secretary.

4. That owing to the increased size of the Woman's Conference, we consider the advisability of having our meetings at a seperate time and place from that of United Synod.

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD, President.

Under this report it was

Resolved, That the time and place of next meeting be left to the decision of the Executive Committee, in connection with the Executive Committee of United Synod. A talk was then given by Miss May Scherer, "The College Girl and Missions."

The Conference was dimissed with prayer and the benediction by Rev. T. B. Epting.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, November 9, 1914,

8 p. m. (St. Paul's Church), Mrs. W. J. Boger presiding. Vespers conducted by Rev. T. B. Epting; reading, "All That Was Left," Miss Ruth Efird; address, "Present Day Tendencies," Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, of Delaware, Ohio, editor of *Lutheran Woman's Work*.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Tuesday, November 10, 1914.

9:30 a. m. (Ebenezer Church), Bible Study, "The Christ and the Christian of the Book of Hebrews," Mrs. H. C. Bell.

10 a. m., Prayer led by Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

The roll was called, minutes read and approved.

The Cooperative Literature Committee submitted the following report which was adopted.

Report of Cooperative Literature Committee.

No regularly called meetings of the Cooperative Literature Committee have been held during the biennium, but there has been much correspondence and consultation, and marked progress in the cooperative publication of missionary literature has been made.

The following publications have been issued: Missionary Exercises and Recitations, The Lutheran Fact Series, Careless Daughters, Opportunities That Sail Back, When Little Pine Prayed, The Girl Who Volunteered to Stay at Home.

In addition to this there has been cooperation on a number of leaflets, which do not bear the cooperative imprint.

It becomes more and more evident that the possibility of the development of this work is great almost beyond our power to estimate. When the Lutheran women of America cooperate fully on missionary literature, it will be possible for us to develop pub-

lications which will have a wide value and interest, in addition to the literature that is necessarily more local.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,

Member of Cooperative Literature Committee from the United Synod.

On motion, Mrs E. C. Cronk was chosen representative of the Conference on the Cooperative Literature Committee for the next biennium.

The official visitor to the meeting of Woman's Missionary Societies of the General Synod made her report.

Report of Official Visitor to the Federation of Women's Missionary Societies of the General Synod.

Being present at the meeting of the Biennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the General Synod at York, Pa., May 31-June 5, I was appointed by our President to act as official visitor in the place of the regular delegate, who was unable to attend.

It was a great pleasure to meet with the women of the General Synod, who have been pioneers in the missionary work of Lutheran women in America, and to whom we owe so much in the development of our work. The sessions were full of interest from beginning to end.

A meeting was called of the representatives of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod to discuss plans for a fitting celebration, by the Lutheran women of North America, of the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation. Mrs. Chas. L. Fry, of the General Council, was made chairman and Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, of the General Synod, secretary, of a committee to develop these plans.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer was appointed official visitor to the Conference of the Women's Missionary Societies of the United Synod to be held in Columbia, November 7-10, 1914.

MRS. E. C. CRONK, Official Visitor.

Also, the report of the Official Visitor to the Federation of Women's Missionary Societies of the General Council was presented as follows:

Report of Official Visitor to the Meeting of Woman's Missionary Societies of the General Council.

Inasmuch as the official visitor appointed to represent this Conference at the Biennial Meeting of the Women's Missionary Fed-

eration of the General Council was unable to attend the sessions of that body, I accepted the appointment of the President to act in that capacity.

The meeting, which was held in Toledo, Ohio, September 17-18, 1913, was a notable one in many respects. It is seldom one sees a federation only two years old so thoroughly organized in all of its departments. It was an inspiration to attend their sessions.

In connection with this meeting the commitee on the Federation of Lutheran Women's Societies of America, which was organized at York, Pa., on June 3rd, was augmented by the enrollment of Mrs. Emery Ewald, representing the Swedish Augustana Synod, and Mrs. C. T. Dahl, representing the United Norweigian Synod. Mrs. Chas. L. Fry was elected to represent the Federation at our Conference.

MRS. E. C. CRONK, Official Visitor.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman was appointed official visitor to the Federation of the General Council at its next meeting.

The official delegate to the meeting of Woman's Societies of the General Synod will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

The report of the Secretary of Children's Work was read, discussed and adopted.

Report of Secretary of Children's Work.

This is the first report that has been given on Children's work at the Woman's Conference of the United Synod. This important branch of our work has been too long neglected. Our Children have not been trained and enlisted for missionary service. There are possibly from 75,000 to 100,000 children in the United Synod. Of this number we have a total enrollment of about 2,500 in the societies of the United Synod. This certainly presents a fruitful field for aggressive service on the part of the women of the Church.

This is the child's age. The possibilities of childhood were never so fully realized and written up and advertised as they are today. Students of the time are realizing the social, industrial and economic value of childhood. The study of childhood has become professional, and great thinkers and earnest souls are giving time and wealth in working out the problem of the value of childhood to the home and nation. But the religious possibilities of the child are far greater than any that are social or industrial or economic. The interests of the kingdom are demanding that we think more of the possibilities of the children in promoting the

cause of Christ. It has been well said, "Child welfare is world welfare."

We ought to resolve at this convention to carry on a more active campaign for the enlistment of all the children of the United Synod. The South Carolina Synod has adopted as its watchword for next year, "Train the Children." This might well be used as the motto for all the synods.

The following is in brief the work done by the District Synods for the children:

North Carolina has 35 societies, 983 children enrolled and contributed during the past year, $774.90. Their funds are equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The Home Mission part going to the missions of the North Carolina women, the new congregation at Raleigh. At the last convention it was agreed to give the Home part to Birmingham, and ask the children of other synods to unite in making this point definite work for the children. The foreign part is given towards the salary of Mr. Stirewalt.

The Southwestern Virginia Synod has 23 societies, 400 children enrolled, and during the past year have contributed $229. Four of these societies were organized just before the convention and had no funds to report. They pledge $200 on Mr. Stirewalt's salary and the balance is used for Home Missions in Southwest Virginia Synod. This year's balance is smaller than it has been for a number of years, due partly to the children working for the Hakata kindergarten and not sending it through the synodical treasurer.

The Virginia Synod has four societies, 55 children enrolled and contributed during the past year, $26.86. This does not include all the children's work of this Synod. Many Woman's societies in the country (where it is thought best not to have more than one organization) have children enrolled. Some Young People's societies have children enrolled. All of the above amount was given to the Foreign work. All the societies use the red boxes. They made special offerings for the Hakata work. This work has just begun. The societies are scarcely a year old and the Missionary Convention only three.

We have been unable to secure any report from the Holston Synod.

The Tennessee Synod has six societies. A Children's Secretary was appointed at their recent and first convention.

The South Carolina Synod has 33 socieites, 918 children enrolled and contributed $626 the past year. All funds collected through the red boxes are given towards the support of Mr. Stire-

walt. The remainder is divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The Foreign part is given to the kindergartens at Saga and Ogi and the Home portion to the Greenville mission. A number of the societies contributed to the Hakata kindergarten. The greater part of these contributions did not pass through the hands of the synodical treasurer, and are not reported.

MRS. J. H. HARMS,
Secretary of Children's Work.

The following was adopted:

That a committee consisting of the Children's Secretaries of the various Synods, with the General Secretary of Children's Work as Chairman, be appointed to prepare some device for collecting funds for the support of the Children's missionary.

It was

Resolved, That we suggest to our Children's Societies the advisability of the children uniting on Birmingham as a Home Mission point.

A dialogue, "The Delegate's Mission," was given by Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin and Miss Constance Cline.

The report of the Young People's Secretary was adopted by items and as a whole.

Report of Secretary of Young People's Work.

The Young People's Work has been gaining ground during the biennium, and before many years it bids fair to rival that of the Woman's Societies. In some Synods a beginning has just been made, while others are well-grown enough to assume obligations of their own. The facts and figures furnished me by the various officers are meager, and do not indicate the amount of work done. As the organizations are perfected and the machinery regulated, it would be interesting to have each year a statistical report from this department.

The Tennessee Convention, organized in October, 1914, reports seven Young People's Societies. Their funds pass through the hands of the Tennessee Synod. The Virginia Convention, organized in 1912, reports nineteen Young People's Societies. The Southwest Virginia Convention reports five Young People's Societies, which have raised nearly $100 during the past year for the support of the young woman missionaries. Three Mission Study class are also reported.

At least five Young People's Societies have been reported in the Synod of Georgia. So much work there is done through congregational societies that it is hard to make a fair distinction.

The North Carolina Young People now have thirty societies; have contributed $2,041.46 during the biennium, with a membership of 750. Fourteen Mission Study classes have been reported. The funds have been equally divided for the support of the Raleigh mission, and the support of Misses Akard and Bowers.

The Young People's Federation of the South Carolina Synod, while a free and independent organization, may well be reported as one of the active agencies of the United Synod. The number of societies is forty-two, with an enrollment of about 1,400 members. The total contributions for the biennium are $2,390. Last year the Federation paid $600 (salary of Miss Bowers), $200 to Greenville mission, about $100 for programs and tracts, about $500 to the support of the mission in Jackson, Miss. Five hundred programs have been printed and sold during the past year.

This report would be incomplete without mention of our Church schools which are acting as feeders for this work. Marion, Mont Amoena, the Collegiate Institute, Roanoke Woman's College, Summerland College, Lenoir, Elizabeth, Newberry and the Theological Seminary at Columbia are all to be commended for the leaders they are preparing in their missionary societies and mission study classes.

I beg leave to suggest:

First. That the Young People's Societies be accorded representation in this Conference on the same basis as the Woman's Societies.

Second. That the Young People's Societies of the various Synods co-operate with the South Carolina Federation of Young People in the preparation of programs.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE CLINE,

Secretary Young People's Societies.

Election of Officers.

The Conference then held its election of officers and the result is as follows:

President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.
First Vice President—Mrs. W. F. Morehead.
Second Vice President—Mrs. R. L. Patterson.
Third Vice President—Mrs. W. J. Lintz.
Fourth Vice President—Mrs. I. D. Worman.
Fifth Vice President—Mrs. W. J. Boger.
Sixth Vice President—Mrs. C. E. Weltner.
Recording Secretary—Miss Constance Cline.

Corresponding and Statistical Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Treasurer—Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin.

It was suggested that the Mission Study classes use the following books during the year:

Woman's and Young People's Societies—"The Child in the Midst" or "Spirit of Japan."

Juniors—"Our World Family."

The Committee on Report of Literature Committee reported. This report was considered by items.

Report of Committee on Report of Literature Committee.

The report of your Literature Committee was considered. We are proud of the greatly increased work. No one can rightly estimate the widespread good for the Lord's cause that must result from this work. We recommend:

1. That a rising vote of thanks be given Mrs. E. C. Cronk for her efficient and untiring efforts in handling and distributing our literature.

2. That we note with gratitude and pride the number of beautiful and helpful tracts written by Mrs. E. C. Cronk and Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

3. We are justly proud of the programs issued and of the large number used, not only in our own Conference but other bodies.

4. That thanks be given to the Lutheran Board of Publication for the home of our literature and to the personal help of the office force. We cannot be too grateful for this invaluable help and cooperation.

5. That we recommend to the young people of the various Synods that they consider the advisability of cooperation in the publication of programs.

6. That all our Synodical Societies be urged to adopt uniform plans for the Thankoffering, and that this Conference designate November as Thankoffering month, urging all Synodical Thankoffering Secretaries to immediately communicate with their auxiliary societies urging them to arrange a public Thankoffering service in November, using the service, "Receiving and Rendering."

7. That the responsibility of securing literature exhibits for Synodical Conventions be placed on each Synodical Literature Secretary.

8. That the amount expected of each Synodical Convention for the support of the Literature work be named by this Conference.

9. That an auditing committee be appointed to examine the books of the General Literature Committee for the next biennium before the meeting of the Conference and report at that meeting.

10. That this Conference urge a more general use of the little red mite boxes; also the use of the thankoffering boxes in the Woman's and Young People's Societies.

11. Owing to the greatly increased work of the Editor and Secretary of the Literature Committee, a salary be given to this office, said salary to be appropriated from the income received from the sale of literature.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. KATE EARGLE,
MRS. H. N. MILLER,
MRS. R. A. YODER.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, adopted. Item 6, amended and adopted. Item 7, adopted. Item 8, referred to Executive Committee. Item 9, amended and adopted. Report adopted as a whole.

Noontide Prayer, "The Model Intercessory Prayer," Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

A resolution, offered by Mrs. J. G. Bringman was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That each Synodical Society make an appropriation for the expense of office and Literature administration, and that each Synodical Society pay a stated sum for each package of literature distributed to the local society.

This resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee, together with the Literature Committee, be appointed a committee to reach a fair estimate of the proportionate parts to be paid by the various Synodical Societies.

Mrs. R. A. Yoder presented a resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That we ask the United Synod to authorize the Home Mission Board to consider the advisability of fostering schools in neglected districts where children might be gathered and trained by the young people of our Church who would be willing to do such work on their own responsibility.

The report of the Mission Study Secretary was received and adopted.

Report of Mission Study Secretary.

CLASSES AND BOOK USED.

St. Luke's, Columbia, "Servants of the King;" Church of the Ascension, Columbia, and St. Paul's, Columbia, "Sunrise in Sun-

rise Kingdom" and "Japan for Christ"; Ebenezer, Columbia (three classes—books used), "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," "Japan for Christ" and "India's Awakening"; Church of Redeemer, Newberry (four classes), all studying "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom"; St. Luke's, Prosperity, one class; St. Stephen's, Lexington, (one class), "The Call of the World"; St. John's, Charleston (two classes), "The Call of the World" and "Japan for Christ"; St. Barnabas, Charleston (one class), "Why and How of Foreign Missions" and "The New America."

Fourteen classes in North Carolina: "China's New Day," "Call of the World," "Servants of the King."

Southwest Virginia—St. Mark's, Roanoke (three classes), "Child in the Midst," "Japan for Christ"; Roanoke Woman's College and College church, Salem, (both young ladies' classes), "Child in the Midst."

Marion College, Marion (six classes); Burke's Garden; Trinity, Wytheville; St. Luke's, Wythe County; Buehler's, Bristol.

I suggest that the Conference request the Board of Foreign Missions to procure for us under our own imprint the pamphlet issued by the Missionary Education Movement, "Christ for Every Life and All of Life." With this pamphlet in hand the General Secretary will be in better position to give advice and help to synodical secretaries and others.

ANNIE MILNE,
Secretary of Mission Study.

The report of the Committee on President's Report was received, discussed, adopted by items, and then as a whole.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your Committee on President's Report begs to offer the following:

First. We commend the earnest and untiring efforts of our President in behalf of the cause she represents.

Second. We are glad to note the progress that is being made in the extension of our work, as manifested in the Young People's societies and the increased introduction of Mission Study classes. We also desire in this connection to give formal welcome to the new synodical bodies from the Tennessee Synod and the Georgia Synod.

Third. We note the mention of the untiring efforts and successful accomplishments of our Literature Committee. Too much cannot be said in praise of this committee.

Fourth. We would suggest to all our societies the presenting of the claims of the Deaconess work upon our young women.

Fifth. We recommend that the unification of our Home Mission work; the question of special objects for any department; and the matter of the division of the amount needed for our woman's work in Japan, among the several Synodical Societies be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. P. MACLAUGHLIN,
MRS. W. R. BROWN,
MRS. H. C. BELL.

The Conference was dismissed with the Benediction by Rev. G. W. McClanahan.

NINTH SESSION.

Tuesday, November 10, 1914.

3:30 p. m. (Ebenezer Church). The Conference began its session with prayer by Mrs. K. B. Shaffer.

The report of the Thankoffering Secretary was read and adopted.

Report of Thankoffering Secretary.

Dear Friends and Co-workers: Regretting exceedingly the inability to attend the meetings, I herewith beg leave to send the following report:

Southwest Virginia Synod—1912-1913, $171.62; 1913-1914, $204.74. The Foreign half has been paid in the support of our young women missionaries. The Home part for the past two years has gone in the Old Guard Fund.

Virginia Synod—1913-1914, $124.43. The Foreign half has been paid for the support of Miss Akard and Miss Bowers. The Home part to the Home Mission churches.

North Carolina Synod—1913-1914, $917.05. Did not state how used.

Holston Synod—1913-1914, $114.63. The Foreign half for support of Misses Akard and Bowers. The Home Mission for Home Mission churches.

Tennessee Synod—1913-1914, $170. No specific work. Turned in to the Home and Foreign Boards.

South Carolina Synod—1913, $565.24; 1914, $575.94. Did not state any specific work.

Georgia Synod—Did not send a report.

Total amount reported, $2,835.03.

A large majority reported that the boxes for 1914 have not been opened.

With best wishes for an earnest and profitable Conference, I am,

Yours in the Work,

HELEN I. SCHMIDT,
Thankoffering Secretary.

The Life Membership Secretary made her report which was adopted.

Report of Life Membership Secretary.

At the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Conference in Atlanta two years ago the department of Life Membership was created and six names were enrolled during that meeting.

It necessarily took some time to get this department in shape to do the work systematically and effectively. The object and aim of the department had to be brought before all Synodical Societies and Synodical Secretaries appointed.

Three forms of certificates have been prepared, "In Memoriam," "Presented by" and another for those who take membership in their own names. A beautiful gold enamel pin is given with each Life Membership also.

All things are now ready for this work to be carried forward.

The Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod in the South stands for educational and inspirational leadership, so then it becomes necessary to publish forcible and effective literature on all phases of our Church's work.

For such publications and circulation it has no adequate source of income, other than its Membership Fund, and when this is generally known throughout our Southern Church many will be eager to help carry on this very important part of the work.

The Secretary of each Synodical Society should present to all the societies in her Synod the object and plans of this department, and distribute the leaflet on Life Membership gotten out by General Literature Committee and solicit membership "In Memoriam," Child Membership and Life Members and make a quarterly report to the General Secretary of Life Membership, and a full report made in *Lutheran Church Visitor* every quarter by the General Secretary, and once a year a booklet could be prepared containing names of all members secured during the year and pictures of Child Members and "In Memoriam members.

Let us see which Synodical Society can report the greatest number of names at our next meeting.

HONOR ROLL.

1. *Memberships "In Memoriam."*

Mrs. Hattie Bayne Bushong, Woodstock, Va.

2. *Life Membership.*

Miss Helen Schmidt, Richmond, Va.
Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. W. J. Boger, Monroe, N. C.
Mrs. Jno. A. Cline, Concord, N. C.
Miss Constance Cline, Concord, N. C.
Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. F. P. Cover, Andrews, N. C.
Mrs. Mary Hipp, Newberry, S. C.
Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. L. A. Fox, Salem, Va.
Mrs. A. D. R. Hancher, Staunton, Va.
Mrs. W. A. Lutz, Statesville, N. C.
Mrs. C. K. Lippard, Statesville, N. C.
Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Columbia, S. C.
Miss Lilla Kibler, Newberry, S. C.

3. *Child Membership.*

Margaret Sieber, Roanoke, Va.

A very creditable beginning has been made, and now let all work together and pray that the work of this department may prove to be a great factor in helping to carry forward the work of the Church.

MRS. W. J. BOGER,
Life Membership Secretary.

Announcement was made of complimentary Life Membership to Mrs. W. F. Morehead by the Conference and to Mrs. C. A. Freed by the members of Ebenezer church.

Rev. R. S. Patterson addressed the Conference, presenting the claims of the Home Mission field.

Rev. T. B. Epting spoke of the work being done in Mississippi.

The Executive Committee submitted a Constitution for use in Synodical Societies.

A motion was made and adopted that the Constitution be submitted to the Synodical Societies for their approval.

As a result of the discussion, it was

Resolved, That no officer (excepting Treasurer) shall serve in the same office for more than two successive terms.

The General Secretaries for next biennium were appointed as follows:

Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. Herbert C. Bell.

Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Boger.

Thank Offering Secretary—Mrs. I. D. Worman.

Children's Secretary—Mrs. J. H. Harms.

Young People's Secretary—Miss May Scherer.

Advisory Board to Board of Foreign Missions—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. R. L. Patterson, and Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Literature Committee—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. Kate Eargle, Miss Lottie Wyse and Miss Annie Davis.

The Executive Committee having considered the matters referred to it, reported as follows:

Report of Executive Committee.

We, your Executive Committee, suggest:

1st. That the expenses of Misses Akard and Bowers be provided for as follows:

South Carolina Federation	$ 600
North Carolina Young People's Societies	500
Southwestern Virginia	200
Virginia	200
Holston	400
Tennessee	100
Georgia	50
Mississippi	25
Total	$ 2,075

2nd. That we name not less than $500 per year as the minimum amount for expenses of Editor and Secretary of Literature; that we leave all other details in the hands of the Literature Committee, subject to the action of the Executive Committee.

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD, President.

This report was adopted by items and as a whole.

Mrs. Chas. L. Fry requested that the Conference appoint a representative to the Federation of Lutheran Women's Missionary Societies of North America.

Mrs. E. C. Cronk was appointed representative.

The Committee on Resolutions reported. The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

1st. That we, as co-workers with the United Synod, appreciate the official recognition and commendation expressed by the President of that body.

2nd. That we commend the spirit of unity and co-operation manifested in the deliberations of this body.

3rd. That the retiring President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead, be tendered our profound thanks for her self-sacrificing and efficient service in the administration of the affairs of this Conference.

4th. That we fully appreciate the message brought by Mrs. C. L. Fry of the General Council, expressing hearty appreciation and helpfulness of the work of our Literature Committee.

5th. That we are glad to have a representative of the General Synod, Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, bringing a message of cheer and a vision of greater opportunity.

6th. That our thanks are hereby tendered Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D., Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Rev. R. S. Patterson, Rev. T. B. Epting, Misses Akard and Bowers for their contributions to the success and inspiration of this Conference.

7th. That we gratefully acknowledge the courteous service rendered by the pastors, the daily press, the Lutheran institutions of the city, the cordial welcome and generous hospitality of the congregations.

8th. That we express our appreciation of the inspiring music furnished by the choirs of Ebenezer and St. Paul's churches and the Seminary quartette; also the illustrated lecture and chorus by the children.

9th. That we thank Mr. Schofield for the use of the Ideal auditorium, Miss Kitty Bollinger for training the children's chorus, and Miss Hattie Smithdeal and Mr. J. D. Smithdeal for directing the orchestra at the children's rally on Sunday afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS MATTIE MILLER,
MRS. B. W. CRONK,
MRS. W. J. CALDWELL.

Closing words of the Convention were spoken by Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps and Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

The Convention was then formally closed according to the regular order by the President, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

CONSTANCE CLINE, Secretary.

APPENDIX

Joint Meeting of Executive and Literature Committee.

Pursuant to the action of the Conference, the Literature Committee met with the Executive Committee, on Tuesday afternoon, November 10 at 4 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kate Eargle and was opened with prayer. Mrs. E. C. Cronk was elected Editor and Secretary of Literature. The sum of $500 per year was voted for the office, the amount necessary to employ a clerk or stenographer, to be paid from this amount. It was voted to ask the Synodical Societies to buy their programs, beginning with the year 1916, at 25 cents each packet, postage additional; and also to make appropriations to the Literature work at one dollar for each Woman's and Young People's Society connected with the Synodical Society, and fifty cents for each Children's Society.

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps was elected Editor of the Woman's Department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor*. The Literature Committee was requested to furnish program material to occupy the space of one issue each month. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Kreps for her faithful work as Editor. An Editorial Board, consisting of Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps and Mrs. W. G. Allworden was appointed. The apportionment of salaries for Young Women Missionaries was discussed. Attention was called to the fact that the apportionment of the Georgia Missionary Society should be $100 instead of $25 as stated in the report.

CONSTANCE CLINE, Secretary.
MAY SCHERER, Acting Secretary.

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING NOVEMBER, 1914.

The Field:	
Principal Stations	4
Auxiliary Stations	6
Organized Congregations	3
Forces in the Field:	
Missionaries—male	5
Missionaries' wives	4
Missionaries—single women	2
Native pastors and evangelists	6
Native Bible women	6
Baptized Members	425
Church Buildings	3
Missionaries' Homes	2
Native Pastors' Homes	2
Kindergarten School Buildings	2
Homes for Kindergarten Teachers	2
School:	
Kyushu Gakuin	1
Teachers	16
Students	400
Theological Students	6
Candidates	4
Sunday School:	
Schools	6
Scholars	600
Value of Property:	
Kyushu Gakuin	$67,000
All Other Property	$14,000
Total	$81,000
Annual Running Expenses	$19,000
Associated Work:	
Missionaries of the General Council	2
Missionaries of the Danish Church	2
Missionaries' wives	4
Evangelists	3
Baptized Members	150
Stations	2
Out Stations	2

STATISTICS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., Dean.

Location	Columbia, S. C.	
Term Begins	Third Wednesday in September	
Term Ends	First Wednesday in May	
Volumes in Library	4,000	
Faculty:		
Number of Professors	3	
Enrollment of Students (last two years): First year 21; Second year 16		37
	First year.	Second year
Matriculated	6	3
Graduated	8	6
In attendance class of first year	6	6
In attendance class of second year	7	6
In attendance class of third year	8	2
In attendance special	.	2
Enrollment by Synods:		
North Carolina Synod	8	5
Tennessee Synod	5	2
South Carolina Synod	5	1
Virginia Synod	1	1
Mississippi Synod	0	0
Georgia Synod	1	1
Holston Synod	0	0
Southwest Virginia Synod	1	1
General Synod	.	1
Finances During the Biennium:		
Bequests	$6,000	
Gifts in cash	$ 500	
Present Endowment	$38,315.62	

STATISTICS OF THE LOWMAN HOME.

Name of the Institution: The Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless.

Founded	1912
Location	White Rock, S. C.
Superintendent	Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., White Rock, S. C.
Number of Assistants	2
Number of Inmates:	
Male	1
Female	4
Total	5
Value of all property	$28,000
Endowment	

STATISTICS OF THE LUTHERAN ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Superintendent	Prof. J. T. Crabtree
Location	Salem, Va.
When Established	1888
Inmates:	
Teachers and Assistants	6
Male Children	42
Female Children	64
Total	106
Additions during Biennium	30
Losses During Biennium 1913-1914	20
By Death	
Graduated or found other homes	20
Estimated Value of All Property	$40,000
Finances for the Biennium:	
Gifts in kind	$1,550
Gifts in cash	$16,000
Bequests	
Total Receipts	$17,550

HOME MISSIONS UNDER THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

	Name of Mission	Location of Mission	Synod	Pastor	Appropriations. For Lot.	For Building.	For Support.	Total.
1	Richmond	Richmond, Va.	Virginia	Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr.		$ 1400		$ 1400
2	First Church	Greensboro, N. C.	North Carolina	Rev. J. E. Shenk		1000	$ 630	1630
3	Emmanuel	Bluefield, W. Va.	S. W. Virginia	Rev. K. Y. Umberger		1000	264	1264
4	St. Stephen's	Lenoir, N. C.	Tennessee	Rev. J. F. Deal			400	400
5	Christ Church	Birmingham, Ala.	Georgia	Rev. E. H. Copenhaver	$ 5000	2500	600	8100
6	Grace	Lakeland, Fla.	Georgia	Rev. W. E. Pugh			100	100
7	Woman's Memorial	Spartanburg, S. C.	South Carolina	Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D.			180	180
8	Greenville	Greenville, S. C.	South Carolina	Rev. C. L. Miller		1000	450	1450
9	Lingle Pastorate	Lingle, Miss.	Mississippi	Rev. A. W. Ballentine			120	120
10	Luther Memorial	Portsmouth, Va.	Virginia	Rev. W. A. Craun			700	700
11	Bristol	Bristol, Tenn.	S. W. Virginia	Rev. E. L. Ritchie			150	150
12	Trinity	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Georgia	Rev. John Hall		1000	100	1100
13	Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.	Tennessee	Rev. J. C. Dietz			250	250
14	Charlotte	Charlotte, N. C.	North Carolina	Mr. W. P. Cline			75	75
15	Holy Trinity	Raleigh, N. C.	North Carolina	Rev. J. L. Morgan	2611			2611
16	Calvary	Spencer, N. C.	North Carolina	Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D.		1000		1000
17	First Church	Kannapolis, N. C.	North Carolina	Rev. G. H. C. Park			200	200
18	Morristown	Morristown, Tenn.	Holston	Rev. J. G. Graichen			300	300
19	Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston	Rev. L. B. Spracher				
20	Macon	Macon, Ga.	Georgia	Rev. Paul Weber			400	400
21	Jackson	Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi	Rev. T. B. Epting			800	800
	21 Missions.			21 Pastors	$ 7611	$ 8900	$ 5719	$ 22230

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property
1	First Church	1905	Lexington, N. C.	Rev. V. Y. Boozer	77	68	1	1	1	$ 11500
2	Grace	1911	Thomasville, N. C.	Rev. V. Y. Boozer	25	....	1	..	..	1500
3	Woman's Memorial	1907	High Point, N. C.	Rev. P. D. Brown	97	110	1	1	..	10500
4	Lebanon	1893	Barber, N. C.	Vacant	69	86	1	1	1	2500
5	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C.	Vacant	38	....	1	1	..	545
6	St. Matthew's	1847	Mocksville, N. C.	Vacant	47	26	1	1	..	900
7	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hall, N. C.	Rev. J. A. L. Miller	108	80	1	1	1	1800
8	Bethany	1889	Stokes Co., N. C.	Rev. J. A. L. Miller	31	70	1	1	..	800
9	Shiloh	1777	Forsythe Co., N. C.	Rev. J. A. L. Miller	46	41	1	1	..	1000
10	St. Andrew's	1893	Concord, N. C.	Vacant	50	112	1	1	1	2200
11	Calvary	1913	Concord, N. C.	Vacant	48	....	..	..	..	.....
12	Landis	1908	Landis, N. C.	Rev. B. S. Brown	80	70	1	1	1	4050
13	Concordia	1882	Rowan Co., N. C.	Rev. B. S. Brown	163	122	1	1	1	2400
14	Calvary	1904	Spencer, N. C.	Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D.	54	73	*1	1	..	5000
15	Holy Trinity	1912	Raleigh, N. C.	Rev. J. L. Morgan	12	10	*1	1	..	12750
16	Liberty	1912	Liberty, N. C.	Rev. J. L. Morgan	16	....	..	..	..	400
17	First Church	1914	Kannapolis, N. C.	Rev. G. H. C. Park	29	110	1	..	..	800
	17 Missions		9 Pastorates		990	978	16	13	6	$ 58654

*In course of erection.

APPROPRIATIONS.

By the United Synod. Calvary, $1000; Holy Trinity and Liberty, $2611; First Church (Kannapolis), $200. Total, $3811.
By the District Synod. First Church, Lexington, $218; Grace, $100; Woman's Memorial, $216; Lebanon, Providence and St. Matthew's, $150; Nazareth, Bethany and Shiloh, $156; St. Andrews and Calvary (Concord), $75; Landis and Concordia, $180; Holy Trinity and Liberty, $1400; First Church (Kannapolis) $200. Total, $2695. Grand Total, $6506.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD

	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Emmanuel	1902	Greenwood, S. C.	Rev. J. D. Kinard	55	35	1	1	..	$ 6500	.....	$650	$ 650
2	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D.	54	50	1	1	..	12500	$ 180	575	755
3	St. Luke's	1902	Olympia, S. C.	Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D.	97	170	1	1	1	6000	.....	*500	500
4	Holy Trinity	1910	Brookland, S. C.	Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D.	33	77	1	..	..	250	.....	.....	.....
5	Mayer Memorial	1900	Newberry, S. C.	Rev. W. H. Roof	83	85	1	1	..	1600	.....	180	180
6	Mt. Pleasant	....	Saluda, S. C.	Vacant	46	49	1	1	1	2850	.....	250	250
7	First Church	1909	Greenville, S. C.	Rev. C. L. Miller	61	64	1	†1	..	15000	1450	120	1570
8	Fairfax Pastorate	1906	Fairfax, S. C.	Rev. D. B. Groseclose	90	75	3	3	1	4000	.....	300	300
9	St. James'	....	Sumter, S. C.	Rev. J. H. Wilson, D.D.	40	49	1	1	..	4000	.....	300	300
10	St. Barnabas'	1912	Charleston, S. C.	Rev. Bernard Repass	70	200	1	1	..	5000	.....	180	180
	10 Missions		9 Pastorates		629	854	12	11	3	$57700	$1630	....	$4685

*St. Luke's and Holy Trinity. †In course of erection.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD

1	St. James'	....	Brunswick, Ga.	Rev. C. E. Weltner, D.D.	30	35	1	1	..	$12600	.....	.....	.....
2	Grace	....	Lakeland, Fla.	Rev. W. E. Pugh	27	42	1	1	..	7000	$ 100	.....	.....
3	Trinity	....	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Rev. John Hall	41	18	1	1	..	12200	100	.....	.....
4	St. Luke's	....	Macon, Ga.	Rev. Chas. A. Phillips	40	32	1	1	..	4000	.....	.....	.....
	4 Missions		4 Pastorates		138	127	4	4	..	$35800	$ 200	....	$ 200

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD

	Name of the Mission	When Established	Location of the Mission	Pastor	Church Buildings	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Building	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Muhlenberg	....	Harrisonburg, Va.	Rev. E. L. Folk	62	120	1	1	1	$ 4000	....	$ 420	$ 420
2	Grace	....	Waynesboro, Va.	Rev. J. F. Bruch	89	70	1	1	1	13000	....	250	250
3	Emmanuel	....	Woodstock, Va.	Rev. S. W. Kuhns	103	119	1	1	1	11200	....	100	100
4	Trinity	....	Newport News, Va.	Rev. W. W. Frey	120	86	1	1	1	8000	....	360	360
5	Capon Pastorate	....	Wardensville, W. Va.	Rev. H. E. H. Sloop	106	193	4	4	1	7700	....	150	150
6	North River Pastorate	....	Rio, W. Va.	Vacant	195	131	3	3	1	2800	....	200	200
7	Buena Vista	....	Buena Vista, Va.	Vacant	25	...	1	..	..	1500	....	450	450
	7 Missions		7 Pastorates		700	719	12	11	6	$48200	....	$1930	$1930

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD

1	Holy Trinity	....	Lynchburg, Va.	Vacant	54	43	1	1	1	$ 8000	.....	$ 350	$ 350
2	Christ	....	Radford, Va.	Rev. J. I. Coiner	66	41	1	1	..	4000	.....	150	150
3	Woman's Memorial	....	Pulaski, Va.	Rev. J. I. Coiner	78	60	1	1	..	6000	.....	150	150
4	Church of the Redeemer	....	Bristol, Tenn.	Rev. E. L. Ritchie	90	84	1	1	..	12000	$ 150	75	225
5	Roanoke Co. Charge	....	Roanoke Co.	Rev. J. M. Tise	98	280	6	6	..	3850	.....	209	209
6	Bluefield	....	Bluefield, W. Va.	Rev. K. Y. Umberger	51	58	1	1	1	20000	*1000	264	1264
7	Graham	....	Graham, Va.	Rev. K. Y. Umberger	45	68	1	1	2	5000	.....	.....	.....
	12 Missions		6 Pastorates		482	634	12	12	4	$58850	$1150	$1198	$2348

*Bluefield and Graham.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD

	Name of Mission	When Established	Location	Pastor	Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property
1	Pelion	1913	Pelion, S. C.	Rev. J. K. Efird	....	....	....	....	....	.....
2	Manassas	....	Manassas, Va.	Rev. O. W. Aderholdt	43	68	1	1	..	$ 4500
3	Mt. Zion	....	Manassas, Va.	Rev. O. W. Aderholdt	26	82	1	1	..	1500
4	St. Luke's	....	Manassas, Va.	Rev. O. W. Aderholdt	23	....	1	1	..	1000
5	Trinity	....	Manassas, Va.	Rev. O. W. Aderholdt	8	....	1	1	..	750
6	St. Stephen	1908	Lenoir, N. C.	Rev. James F. Deal	35	35	1	1	..	5000
7	Mt. Zion	....	Lenoir, N. C.	Rev. James F. Deal	10	....	1	1	..	500
8	Bethany	....	Hickory, N. C.	Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.	85	40	1	1	..	1200
9	Mt. Hebron	....	Hildebran, N. C.	Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.	20	39	1	1	..	.....
10	Calvary	....	Morganton, N. C.	Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.	16	18	1	1	..	1200
11	St. Luke's	....	Monroe, N. C.	Rev. W. J. Boger	40	30	1	1	1	10000
12	Morning Star	....	Matthews, N. C.	Rev. W. J. Boger	34	....	1	1	..	400
13	Gastonia	....	Gastonia, N. C.	Rev. J. C. Dietz	100	18	1	1	..	15000
14	Mt. Pleasant	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	Rev. M. L. Carpenter	68	10	1	1	1	1000
15	Mt. Zion	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	Rev. M. L. Carpenter	21	39	1	1	..	800
16	Holy Communion	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	Rev. M. L. Carpenter	47	28	1	1	..	800
17	Gap Creek	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	Rev. M. L. Carpenter	9	....	1	1	..	.....
18	Blowing Rock	....	Watauga Co., N. C.	Rev. M. L. Carpenter	24	....	1	1	..	600
19	Coble	....	Guilford Co., N. C.	Rev. D. I. Offman	90	80	1	1	..	500
20	Melanchthon	....	Randolph Co., N. C.	Rev. D. I. Offman	71	54	1	1	..	2300
21	Mt. Pleasant	....	Alamance Co., N. C.	Rev. D. I. Offman	24	79	1	1	..	2000
	21 Missions		8 Pastorates		794	620	20	20	2	$49050

APPROPRIATIONS.

By the United Synod. St. Stephen and Mt. Zion (Lenoir), $800.

By the District Synod. St. Stephen and Mt. Zion (Lenoir), $400; Bethany, Mt. Hebron and Calvary, $800; St. Luke's and Morning Star, $800; Gastonia, $250; Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, Holy Communion, Gap Creek and Blowing Rock, $800; Coble, Melanchthon and Mt. Pleasant, $100. Total, $3150. Grand Total, $3950.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE HOLSTON SYNOD

	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations By the United Synod	Appropriations By the District Synod	Appropriations Total
1	Church of the Reformation	....	Greeneville, Tenn.	Rev. J. G. Graichen	33	...	1	1	..	$ 3000	*	$313	$ 313
2	Holy Trinity	....	Morristown, Tenn.	Rev. J. G. Graichen	54	60	1	1	..	2000	.....	.....	.....
3	Church of the Ascension	....	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Rev. L. B. Spracher	40	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Three Missions		Two Pastorates	Two Pastors	127	60	2	2	..	$ 5000	.....	$313	$ 313

*Church of the Reformation and Holy Trinity.

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED SYNOD

	Name of Institution	When Founded	Location	President	Number of Professors and Instructors	Number of Other Teachers	Capacity of the Institution	Students, Male	Students, Female	Total	Students for the Ministry	Alumni	Volumes in Library	Endowment	Value of all Prpoerty
1	Roanoke College*	1853	Salem, Va.	Rev. J. A. Morehead, A.M., D.D..	12	8	250	200	...	200	22	724	25000	$143440	$351940
2	Collegiate Institute*	1853	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	G. F. McAllister, A.M.....	5	..	110	102	...	102	1	121	4500	5000	40000
3	Newberry College†	1856	Newberry, S. C. ...	Rev. J. Henry Harms, A.M., D.D.	15	2	300	190	24	214	17	530	7000	150000	200000
4	Mont Amoena Seminary‡	1859	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	Rev. R. A. Goodman, A.B.	5	2	60	...	75	75	..	230	221	.....	30000
5	Marion Female College‡	1874	Marion, Va.	Rev. H. N. Miller, A.M., Ph.D...	13	..	160	...	120	120	..	200	500	.....	60000
6	Lenoir College†	1891	Hickory, N. C.	Rev. R. L. Fritz, A.M., D.D.....	13	5	325	171	116	287	29	174	2200	12000	150000
7	Elizabeth College‡	1897	Charlotte, N. C. ...	Rev. Chas. B. King, A.M., D.D....	22	2	100	...	202	202	..	180	1300	.....	400000
8	Roanoke Woman's College‡	1911	Salem, Va.	Rev. John C. Peery, A.M.	7	7	80	...	103	103	..	...	3000	10000	78000
9	Summerland College for Women‡.	1912	Leesville, S. C.	Rev. P. E. Monroe, A.M.	8	..	60	...	75	75	..	4	500	.....	45000

*Male. †Co-ed. ‡Female.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED SYNOD

	DISTRICT SYNODS	When Organized	Ministers	Churches	Stations	Students for the Ministry	Catechumens	Losses			Accessions					Membership				Finances			Sunday Schools	
								By Death	By Certificate	Other Losses	Infant Baptism	Adult Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Restoration	Baptized Members Not Confirmed	Confirmed Members	Total Membership	Increase Confirmed Members since last meeting of United Synod.	Value of all Church Property.	Indebtedness	All Local Expenses By Congregations.	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers
1	North Carolina	1803	54	75	..	10	1,123	116	216	114	492	26	348	291	16	4,159	9,917	14,076	347	$ 363,195	$ 24,567	$ 45,035	65	833
2	Tennessee	1820	55	135	..	22	1,805	131	176	15	615	40	404	247	..	7,143	13,154	20,297	778	391,620	.....	30,993	108	949
3	South Carolina	1824	50	85	..	7	649	170	195	201	428	25	329	292	3	3,196	10,860	14,856	35	798,262	20,936	46,353	...	551
4	Virginia	1829	33	30	..	3	409	85	56	179	130	147	115	113	7	.....	6,197	6,197	68	413,000	38,465	31,661	52	614
5	Southwestern Virginia	1842	37	72	20	4	285	95	54	69	197	178	214	195	..	6,684	5,315	11,999	85	215,650	12,876	7,478	55	503
6	Mississippi	1855	5	12	2	..	63	5	4	...	9	13	8	8	..	647	745	1,392	20	.....	.....	736	10	52
7	Georgia	1860	21	30	..	1	231	57	68	203	147	30	140	142	5	1,752	4,010	5,762	294	337,000	40,119	33,169	...	306
8	Holston	1861	11	24	1	1	71	23	17	5	57	12	68	76	7	529	1,853	2,372	208	133,400	3,202	6,753	12	92
	Totals	....	266	463	23	48	4,636	682	786	786	2,075	471	1,626	1,364	38	24,110	52,044	76,190	1,835	$2,352,127	$139,965	$ 202,178	302	3,864

Parochial Statistics of the United Synod—Continued

	S. S. (Con.)			Y. P. and Children's Societies			Benevolence.											Totals.	
	Scholars	Local Expenses	Benevolence	Members	Local Expenses	Benevolence	Synodical Treas.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Colleges and Theological Seminary.	Ministerial Education	W. H. and F. M. Societies.	Pastors' Fund	Orphan Home	Aid Societies	External Objects	Total Local Expenses	Total Benevolence	Grand Total
1	8,197	$ 3,775	$1,435	2,565	$2,729	$ 2,418	$ 962	$ 1,414	$ 2,082	$ 108	$ 316	$ 591	$ 2,745	$ 7	$1,414	$ 761	$ 1,542	$ 51,539	$15,795	$ 67,334
2	9,183	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,800	2,506	1,142	.....	4,194	.....	.....	.....	882	.....	1,311	30,993	20,606	57,598
3	5,081	3,841	1,626	1,638	328	539	3,395	1,534	1,897	386	8,169	539	315	60	1,249	2,017	4,538	50,522	26,264	76,786
4	4,897	2,266	2,171	561	233	755	371	2,860	2,779	1,633	468	183	500	980	603	1,947	.....	31,661	13,605	53,584
5	4,826	1,000	442	306	79	220	7,299	3,543	1,763	491	295	370	2,478	194	425	2,659	81	3,914	16,415	20,329
6	367	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	188	8	24	88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	805	308	1,113
7	2,240	3,074	817	971	2,256	.....	991	1,574	876	319	1,842	.....	410	209	170	25	2,727	36,300	9,367	50,167
8	842	400	70	193	18	74	64	477	185	23	153	.....	419	....	77	40	148	7,371	1,522	8,893
	35,553	$14,425	$6,561	6,234	$5,643	$ 4,006	$ 15,070	$ 13,916	$ 10,748	$ 3,048	$15,437	$ 1,683	$ 6,867	$ 1,450	$4,820	$ 7,449	$10,347	$213,105	103,882	$335,804

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Place—St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Va.

Time—Tuesday before the third Sunday in November, 1918.

Quadricentennial Meeting—Salisbury, N. C., about October 31, 1917.

Minutes of the United Synod

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the South

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South convened in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, N. C., and began the exercises of its Fifteenth Biennial Session on November 9, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Preparatory and Communion Services were conducted by Revs. S. T. Hallman, J. H. Harms, M. M. Kinard, and M. G. G. Scherer. The synodical sermon was preached by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer; subject, "Christ Face to Face with His Church." Text: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not (John 1:11). And they led Jesus away to the high priest (Mark 14:53). And they all condemned him to be guilty of death (Mark 14:64). And when they had bound him, they led him away and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor (Matt. 27:2). And when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified" (Matt. 27:26).

The Holy Communion was then administered to the members of Synod, to visiting ministers. and members of the Woman's Missionary Conference.

FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, November 9, 1916, 12 M.

The Synod was opened by the use of the prescribed form, and the clerical and lay delegates were enrolled.

No. 1.

Roll of Synod.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical—M. M. Kinard, D.D., A. G. Voigt, D.D., J. L. Morgan, C. A. Brown, W. H. Riser, B. S. Brown, J. F. Crigler, V. C. Ridenhour, G. H. L. Lingle and F. B. Clausen.

Lay—A. E. Waltman, A. M. Hanna, J. H. Rehder, W. F. Aberly, W. L. Kinney, A. H. Snider, J. R. Smith, Jas. D. Heilig, J. A. Cline and B. B. Miller, Esq.

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Clerical—C. K. Bell, D.D., W. A. Deaton, D.D., J. M. Senter, A. R. Beck, L. L. Lohr, D.D., D. I. Offman, R. L. Fritz, D.D., E. J. Sox, D. L. Miller, W. J. Finck, D.D., W. L. Darr, F. K. Roof, J. L. Cromer and W. A. Lutz, D.D.

Lay—J. M. Rhodes, M. F. P. Troutman, R. G. Rhyne, J. H. C. Huit, J. F. Campbell, (a), A. L. Bulwinkle, H. P. Lutz, A. L. Deal, Dr. C. O. Miller, E. M. Minnick, J. R. Rhodes, Hon. C. M. Efird, Dr. J. W. Eargle, (a), and R. Elmer Shealy.

(*a*)—Absent.

SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Clerical—P. E. Monroe, C. A. Freed, D.D., Edw. Fulenwider, Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., W. H. Greever, D.D., S. T. Hallman, D.D., J. H. Harms, D.D., Jas. D. Kinard, M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., J. C. Seegers, D.D., H. A. McCullough, M. O. J. Kreps, D.D.

Lay—Hon. Geo. B. Cromer, LL.D., R. F. Bowe, C. J. Kimball, Hon. J. D. Cappelmann, W. D. Houck, (a), Hon. Kenneth Baker, (a), A. H. Kohn, W. K. Shealy, E. F. Irick, Capt. J. W. Jenny, J. V. Sutton, and W. H. Heidenreich.

VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical—Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., J. A. Morehead, D.D., I. D. Worman, J. A. Huffard, E. A. Repass, Ph.D., A. D. R. Hancher, J. J. Scherer, Jr.

Lay—J. E. Cooper, H. L. Snyder, W. T. Stauffer, Jacob Umlauf, S. T. Shank, R. G. Koiner, T. G. Rydingsvard.

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD.

Clerical—Geo. H. Rhodes, J. Luther Sieber, Henderson N. Miller Ph.D., L. A. Fox, D.D., E. H. Copenhaver, J. J. Scherer, D.D.

Lay—H. L. Bonham, J. H. Marsteller, A. B. Greiner, M.D., O. V. Hefner, G. B. Morehead, and A. P. Snider.

GEORGIA SYNOD.

Clerical—W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., M. J. Epting, D.D., W. Hoppe, D.D., and T. W. Shealy.

Lay—J. R. Kesler, H. E. Dreeson, Hon. J. W. Reiser and Hon. A. B. Kieffer.

HOLSTON SYNOD.

Clerical—W. C. Davis and H. A. Kistler.
Lay—J. M. Kinser, and J. F. Neas.

MISSISSIPPI SYNOD.

Clerical—T. B. Epting.
Lay—F. R. Epting.

The President read his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

No. 2.

President's Report.

Brethren, Representatives of the Synods in United Synod assembled, Greeting:

In the kind providence of God the United Synod now begins the opening session of its Fifteenth Convention. Surely this body has never assembled under conditions so strenuous and calling so loudly, solemnly, and impressively for heroic faith and for earnest unceasing prayer for divine guidance and help as those under which we are met today. We are living in the second decade of the twentieth century of the Christian era. All these centuries the Lord has been waiting for the carrying out of His commission, "Go ye, and make disciples of all nations;" all these nineteen hundred years the Church has sung its pæan of "Glory to God in the highest" and preached the Gospel of peace and good will among men: and yet today fully two-thirds of the population of the globe are not even professed followers of Jesus, and the flame of sickening war bursts out over the world as if the gates of hell had been thrown wide open. To dwell upon the conditions would be depressing and disheartening; yet we must look them squarely in the face in order that we may realize the solemnity of their meaning and bestir ourselves along with other Christians, in firm reliance upon Christ the Son of the Living God, to make vividly and undeniably true His promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail.

The times call, nay, God calls, by the extraordinary concurrence of events in the bosom of these times, for great searching of heart, especially among us Lutherans, and for courageous action.

LUTHERAN ACHIEVEMENT.

We are upon the eve of the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation. Four hundred years the Lu-

theran movement has had, not only to establish its leadership among the forces of Protestant Christianity, but also to carry the Gospel restored by the Reformation to the uttermost parts of the earth. What of its achievements?

In numbers it keeps well in the lead of the Protestant Churches; and that is a significant and cheering fact.

As regards its relative influence, power, and effectiveness as an agency for the realization of Christ's work in the world our most loyal hearts may properly question: but it is a great and many-sided question, one that cannot be answered offhand by a superficial comparison of externalities. We must take into account, as of first importance, the spiritual and invisible things of the Kingdom of God. Nevertheless our exaltation of the spiritual and invisible above the external and appearing should not be adopted and availed of as a mere subterfuge to escape an honest and conclusive study of the main question.

If taken out of the range of comparative investigation and studied in itself, as a cause of causes, the great Lutheran movement will give rise to many questions. Has it altogether justified its rise and its spirit, and proved its fidelity to the principles which it laid down in the beginning? Has it wrought effectively for the purifying, deepening, and enriching of Christian faith and for the elevation of moral ideals among those who have embraced it? Have its fruits been altogether what they should have been even when due allowance has been made for the human element in Church life? Have its own methods of work been faithfully received and diligently put into practice with such results as to leave nothing to be desired? In its close and unremitting attention to definition has it given due consideration to comprehension? In its battling valiantly for the truth has it been sufficiently careful of love?

Coming now to our United Synod; it behooves us to try, at least, to make clear to ourselves our own place and part in the great movement begun by Christ and His apostles, and to look well to our preparation for the part for which we are responsible. This is none the less our duty because we are a small people. Even the individual has his task: we of the United Synod are an army, and by no means an insignificant division of the much larger army of Lutherans in America. This effort at self-comprehension is all the more necessary in view of the crisis or turning-point to which world-history evidently has come. In every sphere of human activity those who stand today upon the frontier and look seriously and yet hopefully into the future display upon their banners the call to Preparedness and Efficiency. These are requirements which urge themselves upon our consideration; for without doubt we have reached, or soon will

reach, with all the world, a date which will be written down as the great turning-point between an age classified and labeled and an embryonic age. Are we ready for the new day, and for the new trial of faith and heart which it will bring? Is there naught that can be done and that ought to be done in the way of rendering our organization and our methods of working more effective? Are we doing all that we might do for the instruction of our people in the faith which we confess, and for the development of their loyalty and ready service of Christ and His Church? Have we among ourselves attained to that unity and decision in the faith which are necessary in order to secure full and steady concentration of effort for the accomplishment of our manifold task? Have our thoughts been large enough to give us sympathetic interest in the whole body and in all its parts and functions? Have we been attentive and studious to keep in rank with our own and to consolidate rather than disunite and weaken our forces? And finally, have we concerned ourselves as much as we ought about the divided state of the Churches which confess the same faith that we do and bear the same name?

THE WAR AND AFTER.

The catastrophic war, which had already startled the world when last we were in session, still rages on. Stopping our ears and closing our eyes for the present to the dim and horror of it, there are certain matters of a practical character which it suggests to the thoughtful, and which are well worthy of our consideration.

Already it has confronted the Lutherans of America with a problem with which, however deep an interest they may have felt in it, they have been ill prepared to deal effectively, chiefly because it was impossible, under existing conditions, to secure any organized and concerted action. We refer to the appeal which was made to the Lutherans of this country to aid in the care of the German missions in India during the continuance of the war.

Peace will bring other problems in the solution of which we, as Christians and as heirs and representatives of that type of religion which was restored to the world by the German Reformation, will have our part to bear.

One of the problems will be the rehabilitation of those countries which have been devastated by the contending armies, the relief of suffering humanity, and the assistance of the stricken peoples in their efforts to resume the ways of life and to build again, though amid ruins that cannot be restored.

Another will be the reestablishment of friendship among the nations of the earth and the building up of an international

comity that shall accord with, and be a practical exemplification of, the prinicples of the Christian religion.

Another will be the work of providing such international agreements, education, and Christianization, against the recurrence of such destructive and suicidal war.

Another will be that of publishing with redoubled energy, in all parts of the earth, the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the only power that can save from sin and ruin.

These and other problems of the utmost importance to mankind will engage the attention not only of statesmen but also of the Churches and Christian workers everywhere. It behooves us, therefore, to observe the signs of the times, and to be ready, when the hour comes, to do our part. It would seem desirable, at least, that some agency be created or designated to which shall be assigned the duty of noting and studying such problems, informing our people concerning them, and giving effect by voice and action to our desire in Christ's name to bring help and healing to the nations.

UNION MOVEMENTS.

Since the last convention of this body certain movements and events have taken place within the United Synod and in other Lutheran bodies in America which were of more than passing interest and significance; and which should not only be noted here but should also, at least, be borne in mind as indicating a pronounced trend of our times, and as probably foreshadowing an event to which God is leading us; namely, a united Lutheran Church.

The one movement of more than occasional significance which has marked the course of these two years in the United Synod, and which has been watched by us with deepest interest, is that looking to the consolidation of all the Lutherans in North Carolina who belong to the United Synod into one body.

An event of much importance as a sign of the times among Lutherans and as a practical manifestation and putting into effect of that desire for union which everywhere is felt and expressed by those of our name and faith is the action of the several Norwegian Synods. The United Norwegian Church, the Norwegian Synod, and the Hauge Synod have all voted favorably upon the Madison Agreement (Opgjoer), and it is now confidently expected that, at least, the first two of these bodies, if not all of them, will unite in the year 1917.

On the 14th of April, 1915, at Toledo, Ohio, there was a meeting of Presidents of a number of Synods for the purpose of considering the question of Lutheran federation. This meeting was

called by the Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D.D., President of the Joint Synod of Ohio, and by authority of the said Synod. A Constitution was tentatively adopted, and a "preliminary executive committee" was appointed. This committee was instructed "to mail copies of the resolutions and the articles provisionally adopted by the Toledo meeting to the official head of every Lutheran Synod in the Country" for consideration. It was resolved to hold an initial meeting of the federation in 1917. The resolutions and articles have not been forwarded to me by the Executive Committee. The facts here stated are taken from an article found in the *American Lutheran Survey* of April 28, 1915, page 16.

On May 3rd and 4th, 1916, an inter-Synodical Conference was held at St. Paul, Minnesota, which adopted articles of agreement on the doctrine of predestination. These articles have been signed by two hundred and thirty-four pastors belonging to synods which have maintained the position of the Joint Synod of Ohio, and by three hundred and eleven who have held to that of the Missouri Synod. While the articles, so far as we are informed, have not yet been adopted by any synod, the adoption of them in conference by so large a number of pastors representing the two sides of the controversy, and the steps taken to secure discussion and action upon them in other conferences, are indicative of a very strong movement towards reconciliation and agreement in the faith which must be very gratifying to all Lutherans. (*American Lutheran Survey*, Aug. 23, 1916, p. 608; *The Lutheran*, Sept. 14, pp. 4 and 8.)

QUADRICENTENNIAL OF THE REFORMATION.

The year 1917 will be observed by Lutherans everywhere as the year which marks the quadricentennial of the Reformation. The Committee on Fraternal Cooperation will report the plans which have been worked out and adopted by the Joint Committee of the General Bodies with such suggestions as it may deem wise in the interest of the most profitable celebration of that great event within and by our United Synod. We deem it a matter of rejoicing that preparations for this celebration have brought together time and again large and representative committees from several of the General Bodies, and that these committees have labored together in a spirit of most fraternal cooperation, and have conjointly reached most gratifying results. Nor can we fail to note the significance of this instance of cooperation in its bearing upon the question of a possible larger and more comprehensive scheme of approximation and cooperation.

A very large body of Lutheran literature which will be of permanent value will appear in connection with this quadricen-

tennial. It will come out in diverse forms; as books, pamphlets and monographs, tracts, and articles printed in Church papers and other publications. It would seem that the United Synod could do nothing that would be more practical and bear richer fruit than to make or suggest provision for the introduction of this literature into the homes of all our people. It would be very profitable also if some effective plan were adopted to construct an index of the best books, sermons, essays, addresses, tracts, and articles, giving title, author, and medium of publication.

THE COMMON SERVICE BOOK.

We may safely say also that the next year (1917) will witness the publication and introduction of the Common Service Book into many Lutheran congregations of the several General Bodies which have cooperated in its production. The success which has crowned the labors of the Joint Committee, and the spirit which has characterized the work and made the results possible, furnish another striking example of fruitful cooperation, raise the hope of further progress in the direction of unification, and also strongly emphasize the practicability of endeavor toward that end.

LUTHERAN UNION.

The movements and events of our times in the political world, and in the ecclesiastical, all point in one direction. The mysterious hand is writing, if we can but read. The Lutheran Church in this county cannot, nay, it dare not longer delay to deal in all earnestness with this question of inner union. The time is past when we could complacently think of that confessional unity which prevails to a large extent among the General Bodies of Lutherans in this country as in itself sufficient; when we could without fear hesitate and draw back from the problem of dissolving all divisions among us, except such as may be necessary for the sake of wise and efficient administration, and of bringing all our forces together in peaceful and harmonious cooperation; in fine, when we could readily satisfy and justify ourselves before Christ and the world with anything short of a unity of fellowship in word and sacrament. The difficulties and dangers which lie in the way to such a unity should no longer deter. Haste in negotiations should be avoided, only so that we keep steadily at it until the end is attained. Much will have been accomplished, and great gain will be ours, so soon as we shall have made a good and true beginning.

It is recommended that the United Synod take such action, at this convention, (1) as will not only put it on record as heartily favoring all proper efforts for the attainment among Lutherans of a real unity of fellowship in word and sacrament; but (2) will also inaugurate prompt, energetic, and orderly procedure toward arranging for the holding of a conference, or series of conferences, to be composed of chosen representatives from such Lutheran bodies as will participate, the first conference to be held, if possible, in the year 1917, the ultimate aim always being Lutheran union in some form for some cooperative and constructive work.

SYNODICAL ADMINISTRATION.

Within the last few years a new and interesting development has appeared in the realm of synodical administration. One body of Lutherans in this country, the German Immanuel Synod, Independent, numbering 19,000 communicant members, has elected its presiding officer for a term of four years with the title of Bishop. Each district of this Synod also has such a bishop. Two large and influential synods of the General Council, namely, the venerable Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Synod, have so reconstructed their constitutions as to provide for a President who shall devote his entire time to the service of the Synod in its organized activities, and have elected Presidents; the Pittsburgh Synod for a term of five years, and the Ministerium of Pennsylvania for a term of five years. These changes have been made in the interest of efficiency. The time may not be ripe for such changes among us; and yet the occurrence of them elsewhere, and the general recognition of the value of proper oversight, counsel, and help for the development of congregational life and activity may bring this matter of administration to the front at any time in one or more of our Synods. Efficiency, whereby the best results may be obtained in every department of our work, is much to be desired and sought after: at the same time it would seem desirable, in the interest of concerted progress along uniform lines throughout our borders, that there be an investigating agency whose function it shall be to inform the United Synod, from time to time, of such matters pertaining to the general subject of Church Polity as may present themselves and be deemed specially deserving of the Synod's consideration.

SUMMER RESORT FOR 1917.

Various considerations present themselves which suggest the desirability of a suitable resort for Lutherans, at least for the

summer of 1917. It would provide for an outing under congenial and wholesome surroundings; the several Boards and Committees might make profitable use of it; institutional work might be carried on, and lectures provided appropriate to the celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation. Mention is made of this matter in order that it might not escape the attention of the Synod. Whether it be practicable or not, it seems worthy, at least, of some consideration.

DEATH OF DR. HOLLAND.

As we look over the Synod we miss the face of one who has been present as a member of this body at every convention for nearly a quarter of a century. Reference is made to the late lamented Rev. Robert Christian Holland, D.D. Dr. Holland's name stood, for many years, as the synonym for the missionary interests of our Southern Church. His death on November 17, 1915, deprived the Board of Foreign Missions of its ever active and resourceful President, and the United Synod of a wise and trusted counsellor. It is suggested that this Synod take action to express in some suitable way its appreciation of the worth and work of this eminent servant of God and the Church who has now entered into his rest and reward.

The vacancy in the Board of Foreign Missions was filled, in accordance with the provisions of this body, by the appointment of the Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The official correspondence of your President during the biennium is herewith submitted. Some of this correspondence relates to the subject of Lutheran federation, and has informing value for the Commision on Federation. Some of it has the same sort of value for our Board of Home Missions. The rest is of a miscellaneous character. Certain letters are addressed to the Synod and should receive proper consideration. Of special importance are communications from the Rev. J. C. Kunzemann, D. D., and the Rev. Charles L. Fry, D.D., relative to Lutheran Mission Work in Latin America. This movement deserves the most careful and sympathetic consideration of this body.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

The tasks of the several Boards and Committees, their suggestions as to the best methods, and their estimates as to the necessary means, for the effective prosecution of their several charges, will be laid before this body in the official reports which

will be submitted. In this respect, therefore, there is no need that we anticipate them. It is needful only to suggest that we hold ourselves in a proper frame of mind to give due consideration to all interests severally in proportion to the importance of each in itself and in its relation to the work of the body as one; and that we be neither wanting in faith and courage nor ready to commit ourselves too far to the sweeping but not always fortunate tide of enthusiasm. Let every question be considered in an earnest, conscientious, statesmanlike manner by minds filled with the knowledge of God's word and hearts obedient to His will, and then let action be taken by this body without fear and nothing doubting that it has the sanction of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION.

It is meet and right that we ascribe thanksgiving and praise to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the grace, love, and peace which He has bestowed upon the Church and for the measure of success which He has granted to our labors for the promotion of His redemption and salvation among men. Whatever has been preserved to us amid the crumbling of the things that are shaken, it is He who has preserved it. Whatever has been well done, whatever has been done to the profit and advantage of the body in its manifold operations, it is God that worketh all in all. Even now, therefore, as of old, and as often in more propitious times, the Church may say: "Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name." Ps. 96:7f.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER.

The Synod then adjourned to be convened at 2:30 p. m. today. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Morehead.

SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, November 9, 1916, 2:30 P. M.

The Synod reassembled and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. G. Voigt.

The election of officers was as follows:

Officers of Synod.

Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President.
Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Vice President.
Rev. S. T. Hallman, D.D., Secretary.

Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D.D., Statistical Secretary.
Mr. J. E. Cooper, Treasurer.

The reading of the Rules of Order was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Minutes of our last Convention were referred to Committee on Minutes.

The Treasurer read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Report.

No. 3.

Report of Treasurer.

J. E. Cooper, Treasurer, in Account with the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

Debits.

1914.			
Nov.	10.	Balance in treasury (p. 18, minutes 1914)	$ 584 98
	20.	Donation on expenses of Com. on Cooperation	20 65
Dec.	2.	Interest part F. P. Cover fund	9 44
1915.			
Feb.	17.	Balance semi-annual int. F. P. Cover fund	289 92
Mar.	24.	M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod	61 97
	24.	Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod	23 31
Apr.	2.	Mrs. S. C. Swigert fund, Forest, Miss.	2,000 00
July	26.	Borrowed to pay printing minutes	500 00
Aug.	7.	Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod	7 06
	18.	Semi-annual int. F. P. Cover fund	300 00
	23.	J. M. Kinser, Treas. Holston Synod	18 53
Oct.	13.	H. E. Dreeson, Treas. Ga. Synod	18 81
Nov.	6.	H. E. Dreeson, Treas. Ga. Synod	8 28
	12.	M. Coffman, Treas. Va. Synod	61 97
	15.	J. D. Heilig, Treas. N. C. Synod	99 17
1916.			
Jan.	14.	Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Synod	10 59
Feb.	16.	Semi-annual int. F. P. Cover fund	300 00
Apr.	25.	Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod	9 56
July	1.	A. H. Kohn, Treas. S. C. Synod	108 60
	24.	Int. on Mrs. S. C. Swigert fund to July 28	160 00
Aug.	5.	J. D. Heilig, Treasurer N. C. Synod	99 17
	14.	Rev. E. J. Sox, Treasurer Tenn. Synod	100 00
	17.	Semi-annual int. F. P. Cover fund	300 00
	28.	Dr. A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod	12 03
Sept.	5.	J. M. Kinser, Treas. Holston Synod	18 53
Oct.	14.	A. H. Kohn, Treasurer S. C. Synod	108 60

	20.	H. E. Dreeson, Treas. Ga. Synod.....	19 81
	27.	A. B. Greiner, Treas. S. W. Va. Synod.....	43 37
Nov.	2.	F. R. Epting, Treas. Miss. Synod.....	14 90
			$5,309 25

Credits.

1914.			
Nov.	13.	Rev. J. A. Morehead, expenses Quadri-Centennial Committee	36 50
	18.	Rev. W. H. Greever, expenses Delegate to General Council and Quadri-Centennial Com...	65 00
	18.	Rev. W. Hoppe, exp. Com. on Cooperation	35 00
	18.	Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Committee on Cooperation	35 80
	18.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, for stationery	3 50
	18.	Rev. H. A. McCullough, telegram per order of Synod	1 08
	18.	Rev. C. A. Freed, sexton's fee at Ebenezer, Columbia	5 00
	18.	Rev. H. A. McCullough, sexton's fee at St. Paul's church.....	5 00
	18.	Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, printing for Board of Education	6 00
	18.	Rev. George H. Cox, Statistical Secretary, salary	20 00
	18.	Rev. S. T. Hallman, Secretary, salary.....	50 00
Dec.	19.	Rev. J. H. Wannemacher, expenses Board of Education Committee	6 50
	19.	Dr. E. W. Peery, expenses Board of Education Committee	16 00
	19.	Rev. W. Hoppe, exp. Board of Education Com.	5 50
1915.			
Jan.	2.	Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, expenses Board of Education Committee	7 00
	2.	R. L. Bryan Company, binding 3 vols. Minutes	4 50
	8.	Lutheran Board of Publication, printing for Board of Education	3 70
	27.	Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses Quad-Cent. Com.	30 50
	27.	Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Book of Worship and Quad-Cent. Committees	54 12
	27.	Rev. H. A. McCullough, expenses Quad-Cent. Committee	47 30
	27.	Rev. J. A. Morehead exp. Quad-Cent. Com.	47 30
Feb.	1.	Rev. W. H. Greever exp. Quad-Cent. Com.	20 00
	6.	Rev. W. Hoppe, exp. to Education Congress	47 30
	6.	Rev. W. Hoppe, exp. Quad-Cent. Committee	65 00

	17. Rev. J. A. Huffard, Int. F. P. Cover Fund..	29 93
	17. Ivan V. Yonce, Treas. Orphan Home, int. F. P. Cover Fund	269 43
Mar.	24. Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses Music Committee Book of Worship	16 57
Apr.	29. Rev. A. G. Voigt, expenses Committee Book of Worship	27 00
	19. Rev. E. C. Cronk, expenses Book of Worship	20 55
June	10. Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Committee Book of Worship	35 00
July	26. Board of Publication for printing and distributing Minutes	485 08
	27. Rev. E. C. Cronk, exp. Committee Book....	14 24
	28. George B. Cromer, attorney, Mrs. S. C. Swigert Fund for investment	2,000 00
Aug.	18. Ivan V. Yonce, Treas., int. F. P. Cover Fund	270 00
	18. Rev. J. A. Huffard, int. E. P. Cover Fund..	30 00
	23. Rev. J. A. Morehead, expenses Quad-Cent. Committee	15 20
Nov.	12. Rev. H. A. McCullough, expenses Committee on Sunday School Literature	40 25
	Rev. W. H. Greever, expenses Committee on Sunday School Literature	40 25
	Rev. M. M. Kinard, expenses delegate to General Synod	45 00
	15. Rev. W. Hoppe, expenses Committee on Graded Lessons	51 45
Dec.	2. Rev. R. L. Fritz, part expenses Delegate to General Council	23 00
1916.		
Feb.	16. Ivan V. Yonce, Treas., Int. F. P. Cover Fund	270 00
	16. Rev. J. A. Huffard, int. F. P. Cover Fund....	30 00
	25. Rev. R. L. Fritz, bal. exp. del. to Gen. Council	37 00
July	1. Rev. W. H. Greever, expenses Committee Sunday School Literature and Quad-Cent. Com	45 00
	1. Rev. H. A. McCullough, exp. Com. S. S. Lit.	39 00
Aug.	5. Rev. W. Hoppe, exp. Quad-Cent. Com.....	47 80
	5. Rev. J. A. Morehead, expenses Quad-Cent. Committee	25 00
	5. Int. to July 26 on $500 borrowed.....	30 00
	14. Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Quad-Cent. Committee and Book of Worship.....	35 00
	14. Rev. W. Hoppe, expenses S. S. Lit. Com...	48 35
	14. Rev. J. A. Morehead, exp. meeting Executive Committee	12 65

	14.	Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Ex. Com....	10 50
	14.	Rev. M. M. Kinard, expenses Ex. Com.....	2 00
	17.	Ivan V. Yonce, Treas., int. F. P. Cover Fund	270 00
	17.	Rev. J. A. Huffard, int. F. P. Cover Fund	30 00
Sept.	26.	Carl B. Caughman, int. from Mrs. S. C. Swigert Fund	160 00
Oct.	14.	Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, expenses Committee Common Book	35 00
Nov.	2.	On principal of loan made	150 00
			$5,280 55
Nov.	4.	Cash balance in treasury	28 70
			$5,309 25

SUMMARY.

Debits.

Balance in Treasury	$ 584 98
Donation of Committee expenses	20 65
Mrs. S. C. Swigert Fund	2,000 00
Cash borrowed	500 00
Interest on Mrs. Swigert Fund	160 00
Interest F. P. Cover Fund	1,199 36
From Synodical Apportionments	844 26
	$5,309 25

Credits.

Expenses Committees	$1,157 33
Printing Minutes	485 08
Interest paid F. P. Cover Fund	1,199 36
Mrs. Swigert Fund (Invested)	2,000 00
Salaries and printing	98 78
Interest on loan	30 00
Beneficiary Education	160 00
Paid on loan	150 00
Cash on hand	28 70
	$5,309 25

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

Statements of the amounts due this Treasury from the several District Synods for United Synod expenses have been regularly forwarded to the District Synod Treasurers. These statements included the balance reported due in 1914 minutes and the

assessment of 1 cent per capita for the years of 1915 and 1916.

Five of the District Synods have paid in full their assessments to this date. The following is a statement of the balances due this Treasury:

Tennessee Synod	$224 91
South Carolina Synod	54 30
Georgia Synod	33 30
Total	$312 51

SPECIAL FUNDS.

1. The F. P. Cover Fund of $10,000.00 remains invested by the Real Estate Loan and Guarantee Company of Charlotte, North Carolina, in mortgages upon real estate bearing 6 per cent interest. The interest for this biennium amounting to $1,199.36 has been regularly paid in February and August of each year. In compliance with the provisions of Mr. F. P. Cover's will, $1,079.43 has been paid to the Treasurer of our Orphan Home and $119.93 has been paid to Rev. J. A. Huffard, pastor of Ebenezer Church at Browntown, Virginia. The bonds and mortgages of this fund are submitted to the Committee on Treasurer's report.

2. The Mrs. S. C. Swigert $2,000 Beneficiary Education Fund was paid into this treasury April 2, 1915. On July 28, this fund was invested in a Newberry County Land Bond, bearing 8 per cent interest. This bond is also submitted for examination. One year's interest, viz.: $160 was received July 24th last. In accordance with the provisions of this bequest, and upon the recommendation of the members of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Synod, this $160 was on September 26, 1916, paid to Mr. Carl B. Caughman, a member of Providence Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Smith County, Mississippi. Mr. Caughman is a candidate for the ministry and is now in attendance upon Newberry College.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Convention were printed by our Board of Publication at a cost, including the expense of distribution, of $485.08. Because of the unusual expenses incurred during this biennium by the extra Committee work in which the United Synod has engaged, there were no funds available to pay this bill when due. With the consent of the President of the United Synod, the Treasurer borrowed $500 for this purpose. Interest on this

loan has been paid to July 26, and $150 of the principal has been paid since that date.

SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR UNITED SYNOD EXPENSES.

1. The unpaid assessments noted above.
2. The per capita assessment of 1 cent as provided by special action, last Minutes, page 101.
3. Royalty on sales Book of Worship from April 1, 1914, viz.: 3 per cent of selling price on all styles of binding.

J. E. COOPER.

The President announced that the pastors loci and the officers of Synod constituted the committee on devotional services.

On motion, a Press Committee was constituted to appoint reporters for the Charlotte *Observer*, the Charleston *News and Courier*, the Columbia *State*, and the city papers.

Committee—Revs. J. Luther Sieber, L. L. Lohr and T. B. Epting.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. It was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missons, the resolutions appended to be considered with the Report.

No. 4.

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

For the Biennium, October 15, 1914, to September 20, 1916.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

M. J. Epting, of the Georgia Synod.
M. O. J. Kreps, of the South Carolina Synod.
W. A. Deaton, of the Tennessee Synod.
M. M. Kinard, of the North Carolina Synod.
J. H. Murphy, of the Mississippi Synod.
J. M. Lichtenwagner, of the Holston Synod.
J. E. Cooper, of the Virginia Synod.
H. L. Bonham, of the Southwestern Virginia Synod.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Board are as follows:
Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Savannah, Ga., *President.*
Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., Salem, Va., *General Secretary.*
Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Columbia, S. C., *Recording Secretary.*
Mr. John A. Cline, Concord, N. C. *Treasurer and Advisory Member of the Board.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This Committee consists of the officers of the Board and Mr. J. E. Cooper, and Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D.

THE DEATH OF THE BOARD'S PRESIDENT.

The United Synod and the Board of Foreign Missions suffered an irreparable loss, humanly speaking, in the death of the President of the Board, Rev. Robert C. Holland, D.D., which occurred in Columbia, S. C., November 17, 1915. He was born in Staunton, Virginia, April 30, 1843, was an alumnus of Roanoke College, served with distinguished fidelity in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, studied law at the University of Virginia but later entered the Gospel ministry of the Lutheran Church and soon rose to unusual prominence as a pulpit orator of the first rank, a faithful pastor, a judicious counsellor, a wise executive. After serving for many years as pastor of leading congregations in the Virginias and the Carolinas he was elected successively President of the Board of Missions and Church Extension (1904-1905), President and Missionary Superintendent of the same Board (1905-1908), and President and General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions (1908-1915), thus giving eleven years of conspicuous and successful service to the United Synod in the direct cause of missions.

Doctor Holland was an extraordinary man. A born leader, he was ever ready to accept the challenge of duty, undaunted by difficulties and unmoved by obstacles, always standing "four-square to every wind that blew," a man of ardent soul, of unfaltering faith, mighty in prayer, hopeful and persistent when others seemed to question and to quail, never for a moment doubtful of the issue in the great conflict. Often he saw the travail of his soul and was satisfied.

Under the leadership of Doctor Holland, supported by a devoted constituency, our work in Japan attained remarkable growth and expansion. In the opening of new stations, sending out additional missionaries, establishing educational institutions, erecting church, school and other buildings, and in planning and inaugurating women's work, thereby giving them a personal place and an active part in the mission program, he in humility and genuine self-forgetfulness built a monument in Japan that will abide until the end of time and become radiant with the glory of the Lord in the day of coronation.

Doctor Holland enjoyed the affection and confidence of the Church in the highest degree. A feeling of inexpressible sorrow was felt throughout the United Synod when it became known that he was on earth no more. From across the sea the Mission Conference in

Japan voiced their deep grief and keen sense of loss; the native Christians made known to us their sorrow and their sympathy and their esteem of him whom not having seen they loved; the Board adopted and published resolutions of tribute to their fallen chieftain; and it will be the privilege of the United Synod during this convention to take such action as will express its appreciation of the worth and service of him who for many years was the leading champion of its missionary activities. God calls His workmen from labor to eternal rest; but the work must go on to blessed consummation.

EFFORT TO RESUME WORK.

The Board was called together November 30, 1915, by the Recording Secretary, Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., and steps were taken to carry on the work temporarily. At a meeting held December 9th, the Board decided, after mature and prayerful consideration, to separate the office of General Secretary from that of President. Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., of Savannah, Ga., was elected President. The salary of the General Secretary was fixed at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars a year and all necessary traveling expenses. To this office Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., senior missionary in Japan and entitled to furlough in 1916, was duly elected and called, "for the period of his furlough, with view to permanency." Doctor Brown accepted the call, arrived in America April 10th and entered at once upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

OUR FIELD.

The foreign mission field of the United Synod is limited to one field. the Empire of Japan, and to one Island in that empire, Kyushu. The population of our chosen field is now nearly 9,000,000, and the proportion of Christians of all denominations to the population, one in one thousand five hundred. There is no other territory of the United Synod that presents such a picture of appalling need and unappropriated opportunities.

OUR WORKING FORCE.

The missionaries now under appointment of our Board are as follows:

C. K. Lippard, D.D.----------Saga
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt----------Kumamoto
Rev. L. S. G. Miller----------Hakata
Rev. C. W. Hepner----------Omuta
Miss Martha B. Akard----------Hakata
Miss Mary Lou Bowers----------Hakata

Including wives the missionaries now under appointment are ten, which is one less than when the United Synod met in 1914.

MARRIAGE OF MISSIONARY.

In December, 1915, the Rev. C. W. Hepner was married to Miss Alma Muller, of Hamburg, Germany, the ceremony being performed in the city of Tokyo, Japan, according to the rites of our Lutheran Church. The Mission Board heartily congratulate Mr. Hepner and commend our new missionary, Mrs. Hepner, to the earnest prayers and affection of the people in our United Synod.

JAPANESE PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, AND OTHER WORKERS.

Rev. R. Yamanouchi.....Hakata
Rev. K. Takimoto.....Kumamoto
Evangelist Y. Kitakoga.....Hakata
Evangelist D. Honda.....Kumamoto
Evangelist T. Wasa.....Saga
Evangelist S. Washiyama.....Omuta
Evangelist K. Watanabe.....Omuta
Evangelist R. Ishimatsu.....Kanezaki
Misses Tanaka and Ishii, and Mrs. Yamanouchi.....Hakata
Mrs. T. Ogawa, Miss Eguchi.....Saga-Ogi
Mrs. M. Ogawa, Mrs. Nonaka.....Saga-Ogi
Mrs. Saito, Mrs. Shimamura.....Saga-Ogi

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

In June, 1915, three young men of the United Synod Mission graduated from the Theological Department of Kyushu Gakuin and are now engaged in evangelistic work. Those in the Seminary Department prosecuting their studies are: Messrs. Sakai, Hoskino and Takase.

Those in the Academic Department preparing for entrance to the Seminary are: Messrs. Harada, Inudsuka, Tsuru, Tanaha, Murota, and Hatanaka. To these must be added Miss Ogawa and Miss Otsuka, who are being trained in other schools for kindergarten or Bible work.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

During the year 1915, our Japanese Christians gave an average of $1.60 for local expenses per capita resident communicant membership. If the statistics of the last United Synod Minutes are for the single year 1914, the per capita contributions of the confirmed membership of this body for all local expenses was $4, or two and one-

half times greater than that of the Japanese. But if we remember that the per capita annual income of the Japanese is only $30, or five times less than our own, we are bound to give them credit, not for two and a half times less, but two and a half times more than ourselves. Remember, too, that the Christianity of Japan is only a half century old and the faith of our Lutheran Christians on an average not more than a decade, while we have behind us how many ages!

But the comparative poverty of the people of Japan and the great difficulty of evangelizing the nation will make financial assistance from the West very necessary for many years to come.

During the past biennium the churches of the United Synod contributed a grand total of $41,998.69 for the work in Japan, or an average of $20,999.34 per annum. Of this amount $3,785 was paid out for distinctively woman's work, and $3,278.59 for traveling expenses of missionaries on furlough. To the above must be added $14,207.60 which did not pass through the hands of the Board's Treasurer, contributed by the good people of Winchester ($4,000 by the Young Peoples' Society) and other churches in Virginia for the purchase of lots and the erection of buildings at *Hakata*. This sum includes $903 of the amount given by friends through *Tidings* for the Hakata kindergarten. Thus it will be found on calculation that our people have contributed to Japan forty cents per capita annually for the general work, and thirteen cents additional for property at Hakata. On apportionment as such they have given about twenty-seven cents per capita.

On September 20, 1916, when the Treasurer's books were closed, the indebtedness of the Board was $5,301,49, and the amount in the treasury, $3,268.56.

The regular monthly budget of expenses will now average approximately $1,700, or a grand total of $20,400 for the year. This includes the woman's work and the support of Kyushu Gakuin, but makes no provision for furlough, buildings and their repair, expansion, emergencies, interest on borrowed money, administration and printing. When it is recalled that during the past biennium two of our missionary families were in America for necessary medical treatment, and that a third returned on regular furlough; when we remember that for two years the work in Japan has been calling in vain for some little expansion in order that it may not go backward and parts of its perish, the United Synod will not find it hard to understand why the Board of Foreign Missions has insisted on the full apportionment, and failing to get this, found itself under the necessity to borrow and to retrench.

In view of this situation and the problem to be met during the next two years, the Board must ask for more substantial support.

The present apportionment cannot possibly be raised by the Board without the full cooperation of all our pastors and people. There are pastors and congregations enthusiastically active in behalf of the Japan cause, and there are individuals who are an inspiration. These pay more than their proportional share, but how many others are there who pay less!

The Japan Mission and this Board believe that the whole-hearted support of Kyushu Gakuin is vital to our mission work in Japan, but we would direct attention to the fact that when these buildings were placed on a nine acre compound and the doors were thrown open to over 500 young boys, the term *foreign missions* as heretofore used in the United Synod took on a new meaning. We must now clearly understand that our foreign mission enterprise includes also *Christian education, theological training, and beneficiary support.*

It is imperative that the plant at Kyushu Gakuin be completed in the near future, by additions to the dormitory and gymnasium originally planned, by the erection of a missionary home on or near the school compound, and by the provision of at least two small and inexpensive outbuildings to meet conditions in Japan and protect and preserve the more expensive structure. Moreover, unless the Church knowingly desires to continue a condition that can only bring annoyance and loss for the future, the school management should be instructed at once to secure for the school several small lots projecting into our compound which now contain objectionable buildings and offer opportunity for still more undesirable enterprise. We do not believe there is a school in the United Synod which would have tolerated some of the conditions Kyushu Gakuin has been forced to endure.

And what shall be done with the buildings already in service? Economy demanded that they be built of *wood,* not brick or stone. Every consideration demands that they be kept in repair. For two years the Mission in Japan has been asking for $500 for this specific purpose. But the Board has not the money.

And what attitude shall we assume toward the force of missionary and Japanese workers? In this day of days, when the counsels of the rulers of the earth less hostile to the Christian workers than ever before, and when the imagination of the people are less vain; when wrong prejudice has given place to awakened interest and false pride to a sense of need, is it a time to slacken our hand? Is the cry of the Christless two-thirds the earth met by a United Synod standard of only one cent per week? This is not a day when we may loosen our hold on Japan. The grip must be tightened and our position strengthened. Therefore this Board calls for more liberal consideration from our pastors and people,

and asks for the *payment* of an apportionment of $25,000 annually, which is only *one cent* per week.

THE WORK IN JAPAN.

Evangelistic. There has been no change in the territory occupied since the last report was written for the United Synod in 1914. This stationary condition is not dictated by lack of opportunity in Japan but by financial limitations placed in America. There has been a change, however, in the number of inquirers coming to be taught and in the number of those asking for baptism. The last report to this body gave twenty-seven as the average number of baptisms each year since our work began. The average for the two years since that report was written is 82. The number for 1913 was 18, for 1914 the number was 45, and 119 for 1915. Recent letters from both the missionaries and the Japanese workers indicate that the general condition for evangelistic work is most encouraging.

For details as to our various stations consult the minutes of the last United Synod.

2. *Educational.* The prosperity of Kyushu Gakuin continues. Attention is called to the number of applicants and admissions since the first opening April, 1911:

Opening Date.	*Applicants.*	*Admissions.*
April, 1911	217	122
April, 1912	214	95
April, 1913	130	123
April, 1914	230	114
April, 1915	261	136
April, 1916	242	131

Up to April, 1916, twenty per cent. of the student body had been baptized since entering school and sixty per cent. had become active inquirers. Forty per cent. of the first graduating class in March, 1916, was Christian and there was no known hostility among the others.

In June, 1915, the first class of five boys graduated from the Theological Department. All of them are now in the active work, three with the United Synod and two with the Danish Mission. Eight young men are now in training—three from the United Synod, four from the Danish Mission, and one independent. Six others from the United Synod Mission are preparing for entrance.

The cost of Kyushu Gakuin to the United Synod Board for current annual expenses is $5,000. The General Council Board

contributes in addition $2,500. All other current expenses are paid from the returns of tuition, which total for the year about $6,300.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Reference to the Board's report to United Synod in 1910 (page 65) will reveal a series of Articles called the Mission Shadan (Association of Missionaries), organized by direction of this Board under the laws of Japan for holding all our mission property. All United Synod property in Japan is registered in the name of that association. In 1914 a new law of the Government was promulgated, relating to property qualifications of all schools, known as *Semmon Gakko* or Special Schools. According to this law the Government will not recognize any Special School which does not organize a Board of Trustees with an endowment whose income at five per cent. is equal to one-tenth the current expenses of the school. All theological schools come under this head. Without Government recognition our young men over twenty-one years of age would be subject to conscription before completion of the Seminary course. Because we wished recognition as a *Semmon Gakko* for the standing it would give the school and its graduates, and also because we desired to legally fix responsibility for the school's government, now that the foundations had been laid and a complete organization effected, the following Articles were drawn up and presented to the Japanese Government early in the present year. These were finally accepted in July last. To satisfy the law pertaining to endowment, the mission home and lot in Kumamoto were transferred from the Association of Missionaries to the Board of Trustees of Kyushu Gakuin. But as the personnel of the Board of Trustees was intentionally made the same as that of the Association, the whole transaction was one of mere form and does not in any way change actual conditions from what they were before.

KYUSHU GAKUIN ZAIDAN HOJIN DEED OF TRUST.

Article 1.

This Hojin (Legal Person) shall be styled *Kyushu Gakuin Zaidan Hojin.*

Article 2.

The object of the Hojin is the establishment and maintenance of Kyushu Gakuin for the carrying on of common higher education upon Christian principles; and, especially in the Theological Department, for the training of men for the Christian ministry, in accordance with the conditions set forth in the following Article.

Article 3.

Kyushu Gakuin established and maintained by the Hojin, shall always be a Christian institution; and its Standard of Doctrine shall be the fundamental principles of the Lutheran Church as set forth in the first Twenty-one Articles of the Augsburg Confession.

Article 4.

The office of the Hojin is located at No. 388 Shinyashiki, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto Ken.

Article 5.

The property of the Hojin is of two general classes:

1. a) The movable and the immovable property described in the list of property accompanying this Deed of Trust.

b) Annual grants of Yen $8000.00 from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United Synod South, U. S. America.

c) Land, buildings, donations of money, and other kinds of property which may be given to the institution in accordance with this Deed of Trust.

Endowment which consists of:

2. a) Yen-500.00 which was donated by C. L. Brown to establish the *Zaidan.*

b) A city lot of 274 tsubo of land and estimated at a value of Yen-560.00 which is held for support of the theological department at 5 per cent. interest.

c) City home containing 91 tsubo downstairs and 51 tsubo upstairs and estimated at Yen-3400.00 which is held for support of the theological department.

d) All other gifts given according to Article 5, Item 3, and designated as endowment.

None of the property held as endowment shall be rented or sold without the approval of the proper government authorities. But the approval of the government authorities is not necessary in case the *Zaidan* be dissolved and disposition made of the property, as provided for in Articles 14 and 15.

Article 6.

The number of Trustees shall be not less than three and not more than ten, and they shall be elected from the Association of Missionaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, United Synod, South, U. S. A., in Japan.

The first persons thus to become members of the Hojin after the recognition of this Deed of Trust (by the Department of Education) shall be the following: C. L. Brown, C. K. Lippard, A. J. Stirewalt, L. S. G. Miller, C. W. Hepner.

Article 7.

The term of office of a Trustee shall continue so long as he is a regular member of the Association of Missionaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, United Synod, South, U. S. A., in Japan.

When through death, resignation or any other cause a vacancy occurs among the Trustees, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions in paragraph one in Article 6.

Article 8

A two-thirds vote of all the Trustees shall be necessary to enable the Hojin to sell, transfer, mortgage, or take any other measure affecting its title to the whole or a part of the real estate belonging to it; and this provision shall apply to valuable personal property also.

(The distinction here is bewteen land and buildings on the one hand and equipment and like valuables on the other).

Article 9.

Excepting in the case of funds to be expended within a month, gifts of funds received by the Hojin shall be deposited in some safe bank or invested in trustworthy bonds; and the interest so derived shall be added to the principal without any delay beyond that occasioned by the regulations of the bank or the terms of the bonds.

Article 10.

The Hojin shall have a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Secretary and the Treasurer need not themselves be regular members of the Hojin.

The President shall preside at the meetings of the Hojin and shall represent the Hojin.

The Secretary shall attend to the ordinary business of the Hojin; keep the minutes of the Hojin and also any other records; and shall prepare reports for presentation to the Hojin.

The Treasurer shall receive, disburse and keep account of funds; and shall prepare financial reports.

Article 11.

The Hojin shall hold at least one stated meeting during every year. When the time and place of meeting have not been determined by the Hojin itself, they shall be determined by the President in consultation with the Secretary.

Notice of the time and place shall be given five days before the day of meeting.

As stated meetings of the Hojin, when not otherwise provided for in this Deed of Trust, a majority of the members shall form a quorum, and a majority of those present shall decide questions. Absent members may vote by letter.

Special meetings of the Hojin may be called at the discretion of the President.

When a special meeting is called, the same procedure and law of decision shall obtain as in the case of stated meetings.

Article 12.

It is the right and duty of the Hojin to manage Kyushu Gakuin.

Article 13.

The rights and duties of the Hojin in managing Kyushu Gakuin are the following:

1. The appointment and removal of the President, and all other officers of the institution. For the appointment or removal of the President a two-thirds vote of the entire Hojin is necessary.

2. The appointment and removal of teachers and the assignment of their subjects. For the appointment of a professor in the Theological Department, and for the removal of any professor, a two-thirds vote of the entire Hojin is necessary. Absent members may vote by letter.

3. The fixing of the amount of salaries of all teachers and others who receive their salaries from the institution.

4. Decision upon the budget and Treasurer's report; oversight of all the financies; and the preparation and preservation of annual reports.

5. The superintendence of the Faculties of the several Departments.

6. Decision upon all other matters that may be provided for in this Deed of Trust.

7. Decision upon all other important matters pertaining to the administration of Kyushu Gakuin.

Article 14.

The Hojin may be dissolved by a three-fourths vote of all the Trustees at a meeting specially called for that purpose.

Article 15.

If the Hojin be dissolved the last Trustees shall dispose of the property in accordance with the following stipulations:—such disposition to be made in accordance with Article 11:

1. The Board of Trustees may transfer the title to the Property to one or more incorporated Christian schools as described in Article 3, which shall hold and manage the property for the carrying on of Christian education for young men or young women.

2. In case there be no Hojin which meets the above condition, the Board of Trustees shall sell the property or make an estimate of its value, and shall return the proceeds of the sale or the property itself to the original donors, either bodies or individuals, or to their successors, proportionately to the amount received from them.

Article 16.

With the sanction of the proper authorities, this Deed of Trust, excepting Articles 2, 3, and 14, may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the Trustees at a meeting specially called for that purpose. Absent members may vote by letter.

KYUSHU GAKUIN ZAIDAN HOJIN LIST OF PROPERTY.

Yen			
500.00—Donation by C. L. Brown, to establish the *Zaidan*. (The above is simply to conform to the legal procedure in establishing a *Zaidan*. Government gave assurance that they would ask no questions as to where money is deposited, etc. All that is necessary is to hypothecate the above sum, and in calculating the income of school each year to include a sum of interest from this Y. 500.00 rated at 5 per cent.)			
		Tsubo	
29744.01—School land		11136	
72.00—School land		36	
5600.00—City lot		374	Held for sup. Theo. Dept. Rated 5 per cent. int.
27000.00—Main Building		254	Down-stairs
		204.5	Upstairs

11000.00—Science Hall	138.5	Down-stairs
	90	Upstairs
7000.00—Gymnasium and hallway	180.2.5	
26000.00—Dormitory and Dining hall	492.7.5	Down-stairs
	164	Upstairs
2000.00—Dwelling	40.5	Downstairs
	11	Upstairs
2500.00—Dwelling	58.7.5	
600.00—Infirmary	15.5	
1000.00—Theo. Dormitory	31.7.5	
3400.00—City home	91	Down-stairs held for sup. Theo. Dept.
	51	Upstairs held for Theo. Dept.

NEW BUILDINGS.

The year 1916 has witnessed the completion of two new buildings in Japan, a home for the missionary in charge and a good chapel, both at Hakata. The chapel, constructed of brick and costing $4,000, is the gift of the Young People's Society, Winchester. The chapel is well planned and marks a long step forward. The Board desire again to express great satisfaction and appreciation of the continued activity of the Winchester congregation in behalf of the Japan cause. The mission home is built of wood and covered with stucco. The cost was $3,000. The home and lot and also the chapel lot were paid from the fund collected by Rev. L. S. G. Miller among the churches in Virginia during the period of his furlough. The Board is deeply grateful to all the friends in Virginia for making possible this important addition to the Mission plant.

POSTPONEMENT OF KYUSHU GAKUIN CHAPEL.

The Board and the Mission are keenly disappointed over the delay in building the chapel for Kyushu Gakuin. It had been decided to use reinforced concrete instead of brick or wood in construction, because solid brick was too expensive and wood was too doubtful and unadvisable in a building of this character and proportions, and in the end less economical. Unfortunately while final negotiations were pending with the Board and supporters in America, the cost of necessary steel bars and other materials suddenly advanced from 25 per cent to 50 per cent, thus increasing the total cost of the chapel approximately $1,000. As the financial resources for chapel construction had been drawn upon to the limit in an effort

to secure a reinforced concrete structure, the Mission and the Board were unable to advance farther. Moreover, the steel men refused to guarantee at that time, the delivery of steel bars in less than six or eight months. The good people of the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, have been most patient throughout all these delays. The Board assure them that, though the immediate future does not offer a satisfactory solution to the financial problems, everything possible will be done to hasten the construction of this greatly needed building. In the meantime the money already remitted to Japan is on deposit, drawing interest at 5 per cent and 7 per cent.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Societies in the United Synod, and the Young People's missionary organizations of the North and South Carolina Synods are loyally supporting the efforts of the two young ladies in Japan, Miss Akard and Miss Bowers, and this they are doing in addition to pledges made previous to the commissioning of the lady missionaries. The Board wish to express sincere appreciation of the enthusiastic support that comes from the women of the Church.

Miss Akard and Miss Bowers have removed from the Japanese language school at Tokyo where they spent one and a half years in study, and after another year and a half of useful service in Saga, have recently moved to Hakata. Both have made excellent progress in the use of the Japanese language and in adapting themselves to the ways of Japan. They already find much more work than they can do visiting the homes of the people, teaching in the kindergartens and Sunday schools, holding mothers' meetings, teaching Bible classes and doing many other things as representatives of the Gospel in a non-Christian land.

SPECIAL GIFTS—ANNUITIES AND BEQUESTS.

1. *Theological Property.* When the school land for Kyushu Gakuin was first bought, a lot one fourth acre in size projecting into the main body of land was omitted from the purchase through lack of funds. This plot of ground was so necessary to the work of the school that friends of the cause arranged for the purchase until such time as the Board might find itself able to make the payment. In the meantime the small Japanese house on the lot has been used as a dormitory for theological students. Owing to delay in the erection of a theological hall generously offered by the people of St. Paul's, Wilmington, the school has found it absolutely necessary to make addition to the present Japanese home costing $600, in order to provide accommodations for the theological boys until the hall donated by St. Paul's is realized. The value of the theological

property, including the above repairs, is $2,000. A long-standing "friend" of the Japan work desires to make the theological property herein described a gift to the Board, but owing to financial obligations already assumed cannot act immediately. Therefore an option is taken on the above property and interest at 6 per cent. is paid on the total of $2,000 until such time as this generous "friend" finds it possible to claim the option.

2. *Natural History Equipment.* Mr. J. F. Kaiser, of New Brookland, S. C., and his good wife are interested students of our Japan Mission. After making careful inquiry into the condition of Kyushu Gakuin these good people decided to pay into the Board's treasury the cost of equipment in the department of Natural History, estimated at $650. These friends deserve the highest commendation for this generous contribution.

3. The Japan cause has loyal and consistent friends in Dr. and Mrs. C. B. King, of Charlotte, N. C. For years they have shown deep personal interest toward the missionaries and their work, and have been frequent and liberal givers. But now again in this time of need Dr. and Mrs. King are willing to make even greater sacrifices and have recently declared their purpose to give to the Board the sum of $2,000. The Board will take great pleasure in applying this gift to some definite object in Japan in keeping with the desires of Dr. and Mrs. King.

4. A liberal friend in Virginia, well known throughout the Church for his love for the Master and his loyal support of every good cause, placed with Dr. Holland early in October, 1915, the sum of $2,500 for the use of the Board in its work in Japan. This is an annuity, for which the Board is to pay six per cent. interest per annum during the life of the donor.

5. Mr. A. A. Gnann, an earnest advocate and substantial supporter of foreign missions, departed this life triumphant in the faith at his home in Rincon, Ga., during the year 1915. In his will Mr. Gnann provided that after certain specific bequests "all the residue of my property both real and personal and cash be equally divided among my six children (naming them) and the Japan Mission School equally." Of this bequest the sum of $320 has already been paid by the executor to the Treasurer of the Board and applied as directed by the testator.

6. Miss Ada V. Miller, of New Market, Va., had subscribed to a $1,000 annuity bond bearing interest at six per cent. annum, but during the present biennium, in order to encourage the workers for Japan, Miss Miller has canceled her bond and converted the same into a generous gift of $1,000 and accumulated interest for the Board.

This is not the first gift Miss Miller has made to Japan. The accounts of the Board will show her name, at different times, opposite various amounts ranging from $10 to $500.

7. During the biennium Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lorick, of Richland county, S. C., mention of whose annuity of $500 was made in the last report, passed to their reward. The bond executed by the Board has been canceled and surrendered.

Truly these are generous responses to the call of need, and the Board would express its deep gratitude for the kind consideration it has received at the hands of these servants of the Kingdom.

PRESSING NEEDS.

We mention only those needs that are definite and insistent, omitting the chapel and theological hall because these, though not built, are already promised to the school.

1. *The Completion of the School Dormitory,* to cost 10,000. Through failure to complete the dormitory the Church is daily losing religious opportunity, and placing a handicap on the work of the school.

2. *The Purchase of Several Small Lots* which lie between our school compound and the main road on either side the front entrance. The school needs the ground and the lots are a menace to the school's future welfare. The amount of land involved is less than two acres and would cost approximately $10,000. The testimony from Japan is that every Mission school that failed to round out its campus and provide necessary building space in the early days of its history has suffered serious loss in after years. One such school is even new seeking land at $50 per *tsubo* (six feet square), while the land that Kyushu Gakuin ought to buy can now be had on an average at $7.50 per *tsubo.* Five years from now we shall likely have to pay at least $15 for the same land, just as we could not now buy for $2.50 per *tsubo* the main body of the school compound which cost us six years ago only $1.18.

3. *Payment of Indebtedness on the School Gymnasium.* Originally the gymnasium was only half built, expansion to be made according to growth of student body. Delay in chapel construction forced the gymnasium expansion earlier than had been intended, because of absolute lack of any place for students' assemblies, such as commencement, special religious exercises, and similar meetings. The necessity was so apparent that the Japanese building contractor agreed to complete the gymnasium and wait three years for payment. The money will be due, $2,150 in amount, in September 1917.

4. *A Home on or Near the School Compound as Residence for One of the Missionaries.* This plea has been put forth for years, but without response. In the interest of Christian work and for the welfare of the school this need is so great that we cannot agree to be silent.

5. *A Home for the Lady Missionaries,* to cost $4,000. This is mentioned more by way of official endorsement than as a request, for the Woman's Societies have already agreed to attempt the raising of this fund, in a way not to conflict with other pressing needs as a quadri-centennial offering to the work.

6. *Water Tank as Protection Against Fire.* The school buildings are of wood. Though covered in large part by insurance we have no desire to suffer the inconvenience that would result from fire. There is no water system in the city of Kumamoto.

A good tank that would act as a protection and at the same time be of the greatest service to the school in the daily water supply can be built in Japan for $350.

7. A serious need on the school compound is a *seito hikaishitsu*, a cheap structure which might be classed in this country as a waiting room. Its use in Japan is to afford a shelter for the students before and between classes when, for protection of the building the students cannot be allowed to remain in their class-rooms. This building can be provided for $1,000.

8. *Fireproof Safe.* Important deeds to property and other documents have accumulated in the past decade. The Mission has no place where these can be deposited with any degree of safety. For years we have needed a good fireproof safe and it would seem foolish to allow this need to go unsupplied. The safe can be bought in Japan for about $200.

9. *The Supreme Need.* In connection with these specific needs, and of even greater importance, is the supreme need of united prayer and generous cooperation on the part of the whole membership of our Church that more men and women may be sent to the field, more Japanese workers trained for service, more chapels rented or built for the preaching of the Gospel. This in preparation for the ingathering that is sure to come. We will be poor stewards of the Kingdom if we allow a condition to arise in Japan such as obtains in parts of India today, where the force is inadequate for training even those seeking entrance to the Christian Church.

OUTLOOK.

The work in Japan is fraught with serious and great difficulties. We are handicapped by a small supporting constituency at home and by smallness of our force in Japan. We have lacked numbers,

literature and prestige. However, any close observer can readily see that the work of the Japan Mission has made very commendable progress in the last ten years. Basing our estimate on the conditions of the past we may declare with deep conviction that a hopeful future awaits us if we are willing to loyally support the work so auspiciously begun. All readers of missionary literature now know that the Christian forces in Japan are more encouraged today than since 1890. From a thousand sources the Gospel leaven is being introduced to Japanese society and is creating a general condition more and more favorable to our efforts. We do not believe anything can rob us of an honorable future except apathy and unbelief in the home churches.

APPRECIATION.

The Board would acknowledge the many courtesies extended us by the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, without whose assistance it would be most difficult to uphold the Japan cause. Nor do we forget the encouragement offered by those loyal friends who are, as individuals and groups of individuals, ever ready to assist in a time of great difficulty. We extend congratulations to the Laymen's Missionary Movement for the lifting up of a high ideal in Christian service and giving, and express our appreciation to the management for their cooperation in behalf of world evangelization.

Special thanks are due the Board of Publication for their very great kindness in offering to the Foreign Mission Board an office in the Publication Building free of rent, and also to the Lutheran Survey Company for permitting the Board's property to remain intact in the Survey Building free of cost until the transfer shall have been made to the new office.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board submits for the consideration of the United Synod the following recommendations:

1. That the United Synod, in order to prevent any retrenchment in Japan and to insure if possible, normal growth in the work of the Mission, apportion among the several District Synods the sum of $25,000 annually, during the next biennium, exclusive of the distinctively woman's work supported by the women and the erection of new buildings not already provided for in whole or in part.

2. That the United Synod authorize a campaign to raise $50,000 as our Quadricentennial contribution to foreign missions and in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Japan Mission,

said fund to be called the Robert C. Holland Memorial Fund and to be applied:

a) To the liquidation of all outstanding indebtedness of the Board.

b) To the erection of necessary new buildings for the school and for the general work.

c) To other serious needs of the work in the judgment of the Board requiring immediate attention.

3. That Epiphany season be designated especially as Foreign Mission Festival to be observed in all our congregations, and that "April Japan Day" be recognized as the season for special emphasis and study in our Sunday schools in behalf of the mission cause in Japan.

Very respectfully submitted,

M. J. EPTING,
M. O. J. KREPS,
W. A. DEATON,
J. E. COOPER,
M. M. KINARD,
J. M. LICHTENWANGER,
J. H. MURPHY,
H. L. BONHAM.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 15, 1914, to September 20, 1916.

John A. Cline, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Oct. 15. To balance	$ 2,615 47
To amount from all sources	*46,998 69
	$49,614 16

CR.

Salary to Rev. C. L. Brown	$ 3,337 85
Salary to Rev C. K. Lippard	3,369 12
Salary to Rev. A. J. Stirewalt	2,895 86
Salary to Rev. L. S. G. Miller	2,647 56
Salary to Rev. C. W. Hepner	1,891 64
Incidentals (evangelists' salaries, rents, general work)	8,100 00
Support of Japan School	9,582 70
Salary to Dr. R. C. Holland	1,616 67

Salary to Mrs. R. C. Holland	100 00
Administration expense (travel, etc.)	466 67
Salary for two women missionaries	2,666 52
For support of Kindergarten	840 00
Special for women missionaries	945 00
Stamps, printing, etc.	542 55
Interest Account	964 03
German Missions	146 72
Transportation Rev. Miller	974 69
Expenses of Rev. Lippard	1,015 90
Salary to Treasurer of Board	200 00
Cash returned by Rev. Lippard	902 12
Missionary Education Movement	35 70
Transportation Rev. and Mrs. Brown	1,288 00
Student Support	382 75
Expansion Theological dormitory	600 00
Front wall and entrance to Kyushu Gakuin	350 00
Mite boxes	39 64
Special to Hakata	50 00
Maps	20 00
Cablegrams	7 39
For services Dr. Hay	173 48
Checks returned	192 16
1916	
Sept. 20. By balance on hand	3,268 56
	$ 49,614 16

*Total receipts include borrowed money and contributions outside United Synod, amounting to $5,000.

JAPAN SCHOOL

1914.	Dr.	
Oct. 15, To Balance on hand	$712 47	
1915.	Cr.	
June 25, By Am't to Foreign Mission Account		$712 47
		$712 47 712 47

CHAPEL FUND.

Dr.

To Am't from all sources, as raised by Dr. Holland's campaign $ 2,877 67

Cr.

By Am't expenses part of Campaign	$ 49 10	
By Am't loaned Foreign Mission Account	1,302 12	
1916.		
Sept. 25, By amount on hand	1,526 45	
	$ 2,877 67	2,877 67

John A. Cline, Treasurer Board.

We, the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Mr. John A. Cline, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, have examined the same and find them in all respects correct and eminently satisfactory in form.

W. H. Greever,
M. O. J. Kreps.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ASSETS:

Cash in Treasury Sept. 20, 1916	$ 3,268 56	
1 Annuity Bond bearing 6 per cent int.	4,000 00	
1 Annuity Bond bearing 6 per cent int.	2,500 00	
I Pledge payable on or before Sept. 1, 1917	2,000 00	
Balance due from Setzler heirs for Ogi Memorial	714 00	$12,482 56

LIABILITIES:

Loans and other debts prior to Dec. 9, 1915:		
1 Note in bank	$ 1,500 00	
1 Note in bank	1,000 00	
1 Note in Library fund of Theological Seminary	550 00	
Uncalled for salary of former President	466 67	
1 Personal note	400 00	
Deficit in Kyushu Gakuin budget, 1914*	350 00	
Held in trust for Newberry Conference, Saga home	300 00	
Interest on Chapel fund, Church of the Ascension	$ 208 00	
	$4,774 67	
Loans since Dec. 9, 1915:		
1 Note, without interest:		
For improvements, Kyushu Gakuin†	$950 00	

For payment of note, Dr. Lippard	325 12	1,302 12	$6,076 79
*Of this sum the Council's Board has agreed to pay		175 00	
†Of this sum $600 is covered by "A Friend" who will pay interest at 6 per cent. until the principal is discharged		600 00	
Prospective assets, reducing liabilities			775 00
Total actual liabilities,			$5,301 79
Total net liabilities Sept. 20, 1916			2,033 23

Note 1. The annuity money has long been invested in mission work and is not an available asset.

Note 2. The sum of $5,000 was remitted to Japan during the biennium in favor chapel construction and is now held in bank awaiting favorable time for entrance upon work.

HAKATA FUND.

J. E. Cooper, Treasurer Hakata Fund in account with Board of Foreign Missions.

	Dr.
Received within territory of the Virginia Synod	$ 3,084 23
Young People's Society, Grace church, Winchester, Va.	3,600 00
Bequest of Mrs. Charlotte E. Lupton, Winchester, Va.	1,746 63
Bequest of Miss Sarah Glaize, Winchester, Va.	500 00
Within territory of the Southwest Va. Synod	3,500 64
Within territory of the Va. Conference, Tenn Synod	744 40
Miss Lottie L. Wyse, Treasurer Hakata Kindergarten Fund (3 remittances)	903 00
Interest received on Bank deposits	128 70
Total cash received	$ 14,207 60

1914.	Cr.	
Printing subscription blanks and certificates		$ 5 00
Expenses Rev. L. S. G. Miller, less mileage returned		14 08
Cabled Rev. L. S. G. Miller for lot		4,000 00
Cable expenses		21 28
Cabled Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D.		4,000 00
Cable expenses		15 96
N. Y. Draft to Rev. L. S. G. Miller		5,850 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands		301 28
Total		$ 14,207 60

The Young People's Society of Grace church, Winchester, had previously sent over $400 for the Hakata Chapel, making their total contribution for that purpose, $4,000.

Unpaid Subscriptions.

Within Virginia Synod territory	$	115 13
Within Southwest Virginia Synod territory		698 75
Within Virginia Conference Tennessee Synod		13 00
Total	$	826 88

J. E. COOPER, Treasurer of Hakata Fund.

(The following revised scale of salaries and allowances for missionaries is the result of negotiations between General Council and the United Synod Board extending over two years. With slight exception the scale has been in force since 1914. Agreement between the two Boards has been reached on all points except Item 2 (last sentence) and (c) of Item 4.)

SALARY AND ALLOWANCES.

1. The necessary and economical expenses of the direct voyage to the mission field, including expenses for freight, shall be paid by the Board. An itemized account of all these expenses shall be sent to the Board by the missionary, as soon as possible after reaching the field, and any balance in his hands shall be turned into the mission treasury. Any additional cost of longer or more expensive routes or of intentional delay on the way, must be borne by the missionary.

2. Each missionary shall receive the sum of $100 as outfit money on first going to the mission. When accompanied by his wife he shall receive the sum of $200. Two-thirds of this amount shall be allowed upon each return to the mission field.

3. Each unmarried missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following scale: First five years $800; next five years $900; afterwards to the end of service $1,000.

Each married missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following scale: First five years $1,200; next five years, $1,300; and afterwards to the end of service $1,500.

Each woman missionary shall receive an annual salary according to the following scale: First five years $700; and afterwards to the end of service $800. In case a woman missionary is obliged to live alone she shall receive during such time at the rate of $100 per year in addition to her regular salary.

The full salary shall commence on the day of the missionary's arrival on the field and shall cease on the day he leaves the field, when furlough salary shall begin for such as are on regular furlough or leave of absence. Full salary, however, shall be paid during the furlough period while the missionary is employed under the direction of the Board. Furlough salary shall be rated at three-fourths the full salary.

4. The salary above stated is designed to cover all expenses of the missionary and his family except the following allowances:

a.) A dwelling for the missionary and his family. This rule shall apply also to the missionary on furlough when deemed necessary by the Board.

b). The sum of $250 as a maximum is granted each married missionary, and $150 as a maximum for each unmarried missionary for heavy furniture which shall remain the property of the Mission.

c). The sum of $100 yearly is granted, if needed, for teacher's allowance. (The Mission shall determine when teacher's allowance is to cease.)

d.) The sum of $25 yearly while on the field is granted each adult missionary as a vacation allowance, and $10 additional for each child over five years of age. The maximum vacation allowance for a missionary family, however, shall be $75.

e). The missionary's income tax and other unavoidable taxes are allowed.

f). Actual traveling expenses are allowed while in the service on the field or while visiting the churches at home under the direction of the Board.

g). Official postage is allowed.

h.) The repair of unavoidable wear and tear to the property which is supplied for the missionary's use is allowed.

i.) The expense of the insurance of mission furniture to the amount of its cost value is allowed.

j). Children's allowance is granted as follows: From 1st to 6th year, $50; 7th to 12th year, $100; 13th to 21st year, $150. These increases are allowed only for the purpose of the education of the missionaries' children. If a child marries the allowance ceases. Children's allowance shall ordinarily be continued during furlough or leave of absence. The maximum children's allowance for any one family is $500.

No. 5.

Submitted by the Board of Foreign Missions.

1. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the retiring Board that the Board of Foreign Missions should be constituted hereafter

purely with reference to efficiency, without regard to district synodical representation.

2. *Resolved,* That the United Synod be requested hereby to construe its former action concerning the ordination of Japanese candidates for the ministry.

The Board of Home Missions submitted its report, which was received and referred to Committee on Home Missions.

No. 6.

Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South offers the following report:

The Board as organized is composed of the following: The Rev. V. Y. Boozer, President; the Rev. Prof. J. C. Seegers, Vice President; the Rev. Chas. K. Bell, Secretary; Mr. J. H. Rehder, of Wilmington, N. C., Treasurer; the Rev. A. D. R. Hancher; the Rev. H. A. McCullough, and B. B. Miller, Esq.

Nine meetings of your Board have been held, at which there has been a uniformly good attendance, and a summary statement of the work of the biennium is herewith presented.

MISSION WORK CONTINUED

Greenville, S. C.—This Mission has made most commendable progress under the leadership of Pastor C. L. Miller. The basement of the church building has been completed and furnished, and is being used for Sunday school and church services. Plans have already been begun for the completion of the sanctuary proper. There remains an indebtedness of $9,000 on this property which is valued at $30,000.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. S. T. Hallman, this Mission has secured a house and lot immediately in the rear of the church building, at a cost of $1,400, which is to be used for parish and Sunday school purposes as the need may arise.

Greensboro, N. C.—The prolonged illness of the late pastor, Rev. J. E. Shenk, seriously interfered with the work of this mission during the summer and fall of 1915. The resignation, followed soon by the death of Pastor Shenk, caused a vacancy of six months. Supply service was given for two months by Student F. B. Lingle, of our Seminary, when Rev. E. L. Folk assumed pastoral charge, July 15th, 1916. The way in which the new pastor has taken hold of the work gives promise that it will be conducted in harmony with the expectations of the church.

Kannapolis, N. C.—The Kannapolis Mission has made unprecedented growth in numbers through Pastor G. H. C. Park's untiring energy and faithfulness. He is securing funds from that congregation and

the churches of the North Carolina Synod for the purpose of building a $7,000 church edifice.

Lenoir, N. C.—The former pastor, the Rev. J. F. Deal, relinquished this work in the Spring of 1915, and Student A. M. Huffman, of our Seminary, supplied during the summer. On October 1, 1915, the Rev. W. J. Roof assumed charge. This Mission has recently secured parsonage property valued at $3,000. The condition of the work is encouraging and commendable progress is being made.

Gastonia, N. C.—The pastor is Rev. J. C. Dietz. During the biennium, the church at Bessemer City, with the consent of this Board, was placed in a pastorate with the church at Gastonia. Pastor Dietz has been doing faithful and efficient work in this progressive and rapidly developing industrial section.

Macon, Ga.—The Rev. Paul C. Weber is the pastor. The congregation here has secured a well located lot, with a temporary chapel upon it at a cost of $3,750. The young pastor here has confidence in the future development of the work in this important city, and should have the fullest support and encouragement of the Church.

Lakeland, Fla.—The work in this field has gone on without interruption during the biennium, under the faithful leadership of Pastor W. E. Pugh. A parsonage has been built during the past year.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—The Rev. John Hall continues to minister to this Mission. Owing to the conditions existing in Florida, the growth of our work there, as elsewhere in the State, is unavoidably slow. Nevertheless, the Board's judgment is that Florida offers a promising field for our Church in the future.

Birmingham, Ala.—On May 1, 1915, the Rev. E. H. Copenhaver resigned this work, and on June 1, 1915, the Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr., assumed pastoral care. This is the largest city in which your Board is operating, and calls for immediate and intensive work. The situation there has received the most serious consideration of your Board, and at the last meeting of the Board it was determined to lessen the burden of debt resting upon the Mission by making a loan to the congregation of $5,000 for three years without interest, from the Permanent Loan Fund, for the purpose of satisfying the mortgage held by Mr. J. R. Meek. To further facilitate the development of this work, your Board also determined to open negotiations with the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council with the view of ascertaining the possibility of securing the cooperation of that Board in the State of Alabama as suggested in the action of the General Council at Buffalo in 1907, viz., "*Resolved*, That the action of the Home Mission Board in the matter of work in the Southern States be approved, and that the Board be instructed to go forward with the work, and with the further view of ascertaining the feasibility of said General Council Board cooperating with us in the work now being conducted in the city of Birmingham."

Pastor Cline is doing commendale work under conditions both adverse and perplexing.

Jackson, Miss.—The Rev. T. B. Epting has been in charge of this Mission in connection with his general work as Field Missionary in

the State of Mississippi. At a cost of $7,500, church and parsonage were purchased. This property has been improved materially and has enhanced in value. Through improvments made on the interior of the church building, our congregation here has a commodious and churchly edifice in which to worship.

Lingle, Miss.—This Mission, consisting of two small congregations, is one of the rural fields which the Board has felt constrained to continue to assist. The Rev. A. W. Ballentine has been faithful in his ministry to these people.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—The Rev. L. B. Spracher, who was in charge of this Mission at the opening of the biennium, died suddenly on January 5, 1915. In his departure, the mission work of the Church has lost an earnest and capable worker. His successor, the Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer, took pastoral oversight May 18, 1915, since when the Mission has made very commendable progress. Through the efforts of this congrégation, assisted by the congregations of the Holston Synod, a building fund of $5,000, is being raised, of which amount $1,160 has been received. The Board regards this as a strategic point in the extension of our Church in the South.

Morristown, Tenn.—The Rev. J. G. Graichen was the pastor here at the opening of the biennium, and continued so until the summer of 1915, since which time the Mission has been vacant, though repeated efforts have been made to secure a pastor. With the consent of the Board, the Holston Synod has substituted Newport for Greeneville in the pastorate, said Synod agreeing to care for the work at Greeneville.

Bristol, Tenn.—Since the resignation of the Rev. E. L. Ritchie, Jan. 1, 1915, repeated efforts have been made to secure a pastor, but without success.

Portsmouth, Va.—The pastor is the Rev. W. A. Craun. Through the continued interest and generosity of Mr. J. E. Cooper of Winchester, Va., this Mission has not only been provided with a suitable place of Worship since 1910, but also provision has been made for the better material equipment of the Mission.

Bluefield-Graham Pastorate.—The Rev. K. Y. Umberger relinquished the work here February 28, 1915, and was succeeded by the Rev. J. B. Moose, April 1, 1915.

January 1, 1916, the Bluefield congregation declared itself self-sustaining, and petitioned the Southwestern Virginia Synod to constitute it a separate pastorate. This request was granted, and Graham, therefore, was received as a Mission jointly supported by the Southwestern Virginia Synod and this Board. Efforts are being made to secure a pastor for Graham, Va.

The pastor and people at Bluefield are to be congratulated upon reaching the goal of self-support, and the Board expresses the hope that there will be a number of our missions attaining sufficient strength

to declare themselves independent of financial aid in the coming biennium.

CHURCH EXTENSION

The following loans have been made by the Board during the biennium from the Permanent Loan Fund, upon mortgage, personal endorsements or other adequate securities:

Mission.	Amount of Loan.	Term of Loan.	Without Interest.
Greenville, S. C.	$1,500	1 Year	On Indebtedness
Lenoir, N. C.	800	1 Year	For Parsonage
Macon, Ga.	1,500	3 Year	On Church Property
Lakeland, Fla.	1,000	2 Year	On Parsonage
Jackson, Miss.	1,500	3 Year	On Church Property
Virginia Heights, Va.	1,500	3 Year	On Church Building.
Raleigh, N. C.	280	1 Year	On Indebtedness
Holy Trinity, Charlotte, N. C.	1,400	3 Year	On Church Lot

Repayment of loans was made during the biennium on the account of the following points:

Greenville, S. C.	$ 800
St. Petersburg, Fla.	250
Spencer, N. C.	175
Raleigh, N. C.	1,500

For further specific and detailed information concerning our Missions, a tabulated exhibit is herewith given, covering the biennium, and is made a part of our report.

EXHIBIT OF WORK FOR BIENNIUM

LOCATION.	ON OCTOBER 1, 1914.					ON OCTOBER 1, 1916.					GAIN.		LOSS.	
	Members	Property	Estimated value	Indebtedness	Appropriation for Pastor's Support	Members	Property	Estimated value	Indebtedness	Appropriation for Pastor's Support	In Members	In Property	In Members	In Property
Greenville, S. C.	75	Church & Parsonage	$ 27000	$11000	$ 450	110	Church & Parsonage	$ 30000	$ 9000	$ 410	35	$ 3000		
Spartanburg, S. C.	55	Church	12000	.....	180	53	Church & Parish House	15000	700	162	....	3000	2	
Gastonia, Bessemer City, N. C.	155	Churches	16800	255	250	185	Churches	16800	255	150	30	.....	.....	.....
Lenoir, N. C.	34	Church	4500	.....	400	47	Church & Parsonage	7500	2300	400	13	3000	.....	.....
Kannapolis, N. C.	29		.....	.....	200	126	Lot & Fund for Church	3500	.....	200	97	3500	.....	.....
Greensboro, N. C.	108	Church & Parsonage	20000	6300	600	110	Church & Parsonage	20000	6100	540	2	.....	.....	.....
Portsmouth, Va.	79	Church	2500	.....	700	80	Church	2500	.....	675	1	.....	.....	.....
Bluefield, W. Va., *	80	Lot	4000	.....	164	95	Church & Parsonage	25000	4200	.....	15	21000	.....	.....
Graham, Va., *	65	Church	5000	1050	100	67	Church	5000	1050	200	2	.....	.....	.....
Bristol Pastorate, Tenn.,	270	Churches	15000	.....	150	293	Churches	15000	.....	150	23	.....	.....	.....
Chattanooga, Tenn.,	33		.....	.....	500	53		†1160	.....	400	20	1160	.....	.....
Morristown-Greeneville, Tenn.	88	Churches	5000	.....	300	88	Churches	5000	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson, Miss.,	27		.....	.....	800	33	Church & Parsonage	20000	6500	800	6	20000	.....	.....
Lingle Pastorate, Miss.,	166	Churches & Parsge.	2450	.....	120	162	Churches & Parsonage	3150	.....	108	....	700	4	.....
Birmingham, Ala.,	74	Church Property	15000	12500	600	69	Church Property	15000	12500	350	....	.....	5	.....
Macon, Ga.,	35		.....	.....	500	30	Church Property	3750	3250	600	....	3750	5	.....
Lakeland, Fla.,	42	Church	5500	.....	100	38	Church & Parsonage	8500	3108	100	....	3000	4	.....
St. Petersburg, Fla.,	41	Church & Parsonage	12200	.....	100	58	Church & Parsonage	12200	4625	100	17	.....	.....	.....
Total	1456		$146950	$31105	$6214	1697		$209060	$53588	$5645	261	$62110	20	....

*Bluefield and Graham were served by the same pastor until January 1, 1916, when Bluefield became self-supporting.
†Cash in hand for church lot.

PROSPECTIVE FIELDS

The following are regarded by your Board as prospective fields for missionary enterprise:

Hendersonville, N. C.
East Charlotte, N. C.
Jacksonville, Fla.
Montgomery, Ala.
Tampa, Fla.
Hopewell, Va.
Rock Hill, S. C.

ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE BIENNIUM

During the biennium the General Secretary has been active in visiting churches, missionary conventions, and district synods, delivering Home Mission sermons and addresses and at the same time soliciting subscriptions to the Permanent Loan Fund for Church Extension. In doing this work he has traveled 50,000 miles, delivered 400 sermons and addresses, raised for the "Old Guard Fund" $15,000 in cash and pledges, and aided our missionaries in raising $4,000 on the field.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. It is a cause of great gratification to us that we are able to report that the receipts of your Board during the biennium have been increased materially, so that the above work has been prosecuted and all the outsiding obligations of your Board have been met, except the balance of the promised gift to the Birmingham Mission.

2. A bond for the Treasurer, amounting to $3,000, has been carried throughout the biennium.

3. The following leaflets were published and distributed: "Stop the Leaks," "The Old Guard," "Appalling Facts and Startling Figures," "Three Calls and One Answer."

4. Coin receptacles for the use of Children's Missionary Societies have been provided, your Board bearing one-half cost of the same, on condition that onehalf the money raised by this method be devoted to the use of the Board.

5. Owing to the increasing demands made upon the time, energy and means of the President in the administration of the affairs of your Board, an appropriation of $100 per annum was made to cover all expenses of the President incident to the discharge of the duties of his office.

6. The salary of the General Secretary of your Board was fixed at $1,500 per annum, no provision being made for house rent.

7. On March 15, 1915, an informal conference was held in Roanoke, Va., with your Board of Foreign Missions, at which the following action was taken: (a). It was agreed that, in the use of the columns of the *Lutheran Church Visitor,* the two Boards should have due

regard for the causes of the respective Boards during the seasons of the Church Year designated for their presentation by the United Synod; (b) That the United Synod be requested to fix Septuagesima Sunday as the day on which the claims of the Gospel Ministry be urged by our pastors.

8. In connection with your Foreign Mission Board, we endorsed the plans suggested by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, looking toward the contribution of the income of one day from the membership of the Church as a special thank offering for the cause of Missions during the year 1917. To perfect the details of the said plan, a committee of two was appointed by this Board to cooperate with a similar committee from your Foreign Mission Board and the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

9. After having heard a representative of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Conference, your Board recommended: (a) That all funds contributd by the Women's Societies for the Home Mission Work of the Board be placed in the general fund; (b) That the funds secured by the Woman's Conference through the contributions of the Children's Missionary Societies be appropriated, during the next biennium, to the work at Birmingham; (c) The Board also concurred in the suggestion that the Woman's Conference appoint an Auxiliary Committee to help carry out the plans of the Home Mission Board.

10. A special Home Mission service for the Reformation season was prepared and published each year of the biennium by order of the Board for use in the Sunday schools.

11. Your Board calls attention to its resolution following: "That this Board of Home Missions and Church Extension disapproves of the transference by congregations and their officers of moneys from the Benevolence Fund to the Current Expense Fund."

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

1. Through the generous interest of the Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Beck of Dallas, N. C., the Board has come into possession of property located at Lexington, North Carolina, valued at $250.

2. The Board has received from the estate of Mrs. Charlotte E. Lupton, Winchester, Va., by bequest, the sum of $1,782.68, and the same has been applied as follows: $1,500 to the Permanent Loan Fund and $282.68 to the General Fund.

It is with peculiar pleasure that we report these two items under this head, believing that it is a sign of deeper interest in the cause of Home Missions, and one that presages well for the future.

The work of the biennium has presented many perplexing problems and your Board has endeavored to deal with each one with fairness and candor. The limited amount available for our use, a little less than half the apportionment asked, has prevented the extension of our

mission activities, and made it impossible to grant help in numerous cases which presented strong and urgent appeals. Close acquaintance with the needs and prospects of our field in the South impels your Board to urge upon the Church the imperative necessity of making more adequate provision both for caring for our dispersed Lutheran people, and also for bringing the means of grace to bear vitally upon the life of the great mass of people who are outside the Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In order to execute efficiently the work placed upon your Board it recommends that the sum of $25,000 per annum be apportioned to the District Synods for this purpose.

2. In order that the "Unification Plan," adopted by the various District Synods, may become operative, we recommend that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, in conjunction with a representative from each District Synod involved, formulate the details under which the Missions of the said District Synods shall be transferred to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod, and adopt rules and regulations governing the conduct of the work upon the territory of the said District Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Y. BOOZER,
C. K. BELL,
J. H. REHDER,
J. C. SEEGERS,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
B. B. MILLER.

REPORT OF J. H. REHDER, TREASURER OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

October 1, 1914-October 1, 1916.

Receipts Account of Home Missions.

Cash on hand October 1, 1914	$ 1,152 95
Virginia Synod	2,525 53
Woman' Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Va. Synod	40 18
Southwestern Virginia Synod	966 85
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Southwestern Virginia Synod	489 89
Tennessee Synod	2,010 24
Holston Synod	369 29
Georgia Synod	2,004 43
North Carolina Synod	3,441 90

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, North Carolina Synod	1,279 65
South Carolina Synod	3,476 54
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary South Carolina Synod	212 00
Mississippi Synod	61 01
Cash collections by Dr. R. S. Patterson	211 76
Interest from American Nat. Bank, Wilmington, N. C.	156 18
Interest from Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.	30 00
Interest from Bluefield, W. Va.	30 00
Special cash for Birmingham Fund	811 18
Federation of Y. P. Society, S. C., for Jackson, Miss.	221 00
Bequest from Mrs. Charlotte E. Lupton	282 68
Cash received for Dr. R. S. Patterson's expenses	26 46
Rev. J. C. Dietz, refund salary	4 17
	$19,803 89

Home Missions Disbursements.

October 1, 1914-1916.

S. W. Virginia Synod Missions	$ 358 88
North Carolina Synod Missions	1,202 40
Tennessee Synod Missions	1,080 88
Holston Synod Missions	975 08
South Carolina Synod Missions	1,176 22
Georgia Synod Missions	2,179 75
Virginia Synod Missions	1,383 82
Mississippi Synod Missions	1,755 21
Mrs. A. E. Bernheim, interest on annuity, four payments	360 00
Dr. G. D. Bernheim, interest on annuity	60 00
Expenses of Board and Synod meetings	310 21
Interest on Richmond, Va., Loan	480 00
Greenville, South Carolina, Mission	21 00
President of Board for expenses, etc.,	143 75
Treasurer of Board, postage, stationery, etc.,	17 50
Lutheran Board of Publication, Home Mission Services	188 08
Lutheran Board of Publication, printing tracts, etc.,	317 87
R. L. Bryan Co., stationery	26 40
Fred Larkins, for Birmingham Mission	30 00
U. S. Fidelity Co., Treasurer's bond	15 00
Raleigh Bank, interest on $3,000 loan	135 60
Rev. L. L. Lohr, expenses preparing services	6 24
Mrs. E. C. Cronk, one-half cost Children's Missionary boxes	39 64
J. C. Deaton, registering Spencer mortgage	1 50
Dr. R. S. Patterson, General Secretary, salary	3,000 00
Dr. R. S. Patterson, General Secretary, traveling expenses	425 67

Wachovia Bank, Spencer, North Carolina, loan	2,500 00	
Amount used by Church Extension work	3,319 27	
Cash on hand (balance)	902 76	
		$19,803 89

Receipts Account of Church Extension.

Virginia Synod	1,747 98	
Southwestern Virginia Synod	922 40	
Tennessee Synod	108 50	
Georgia Synod	225 33	
South Carolina Synod	1,002 40	
Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, S. C. Synod	250 00	
Mississippi Synod	4 75	
Total	$ 4,261 36	
Amount received from Home Mission account	3,319 27	
		$ 7,580 63

Disbursements Account Church Extension.

October 1, 1914-1916.

Wachovia Bank, for note to Birmingham Mission	2,500 00	
Wachovia Bank, interest on note	25 00	
American National Bank, interest on Raleigh and Birmingham Loans	155 63	
J. W. Minor, interest on Birmingham notes	1,200 00	
Raleigh Savings and Trust Co., balance due on Raleigh church lot	3,700 00	
		$ 7,580 63

Permanent Loan Fund.

October 1, 1914-1916.

Balance on hand	$ 1,126 26	
Total receipts from all sources	13,019 60	$14,145 86

Disbursements.

(Amount Loaned.)

Jackson, Miss.	$ 1,500 00	
Greenville, S. C.	1,500 00	
Lakeland, Fla.	1,000 00	
Macon, Ga.	1,500 00	
	$ 5,500 00	
Amount cash on hand	8,645 86	$14,145 86

Full Statement of Permanent Loan.

October 1, 1916.

Spencer, N. C.	825 00
Greenville, S. C.	1,700 00
St. Peterburgs, Fla.	750 00
Raleigh, N. C.	280 00
Macon, Ga.	1,500 00
Bluefield, W. Va.	1,000 00
Jackson, Miss.	1,500 00
Lakeland, Fla.	1,000 00
Total	$ 8,555 00
Cash on hand	8,645 86
Total Permanent Loan Fund	$17,200 86

Grand Total of Receipts.

Home Missions	$19,803 89
Church Extension	4,261 36
Permanent Loan	14,145 86
	$38,211 11

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

To the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

We, your committee, appointed to audit the books of Mr. J. H. Rehder, Treasurer, beg to report that we have examined the books and find them well kept and correct.

Signed,

C. W. POLVOGT,
E. FRED BANCK.

Wilmington, N. C., October 2, 1916.

The Board of Education reported. Referred to Committee on Board of Education, *except* the part referring to Elizabeth College and the Virginia Synod and Southwestern Virginia Synod. A special committee was appointed to report on these papers, as follows: Revs. Geo. S. Bowers, J. L. Sieber, Messrs. Geo. B. Cromer, J. A. Cline and J. V. Sutton.

No. 7.

Report of the Board of Education.

As briefly as is consistent with thoroughness, your Board of Education would present its report regarding the Literary Institutions on our territory and of its transactions during the biennium.

The Theological Seminary, as the property of the United Synod, reports through its Board and to its report we would refer.

Roanoke College has finished the biennium in good financial condition. The work has been so encouraging as to induce the authorities to undertake the raising of $100,000 as a special Jubilee offering for the purpose of increasing the endowment and adding to the equipment of the College. Both the Virginia and the Southwestern Virginia Synods have given the movement their heartiest endorsement, pledging themselves to exert every energy to accomplish a successful issue. A chapel and Science Hall are the buildings contemplated. From the catalogues it is seen that 205 students were in attendance during 1914-1915 and 187 during 1915-1916.

Newberry College has also weathered the financial storms in fine shape. The president reports that progress is being made in the effort to raise $150,000 as a Jubilee fund. Space does not permit the inclusion of all the interesting data furnished. It may be well, however, to state that the College now requires 14 units for entrance. It is furnished as never before for efficient work. During 1914-1915 there were 200 students and during this past year, 1915-1916, 222.

Lenoir College in order to grant teacher's certificates to its graduates has added a department of Education with a full professorship. Unlike the two colleges mentioned above it is projecting a Jubilee fund, but has made great strides toward its realization. More than a fourth of the $100,000 to be raised is already in hand. The terible floods of July have hampered the College in this work and in the canvass for students. During both the years 1914-1915 and 1915-1916 the number of students has been the same, 270.

Mount Amoena Seminary, this old school for girls, continues to do good work in its quiet way. It reports 83 students for 1914-1915 and 75 for 1915-1916.

Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute is unique among the educational schools of the Church and is meeting with excellent results. Its boys usually complete their course at some College, it being a Junior College, and a goodly number find their way into the

ministry. With its military discipline it has special facilities for training the boys. It is deserving of more liberal support. In 1914-1915 its students numbered 75, and in 1915-1916 there were 71.

Elizabeth College (formerly Roanoke Woman's College) is striving after the highest place attainable among Women's Colleges and is putting forth every effort to deserve the support of the whole Church in the South. Since the last meeting of the United Synod important changes have taken place. Two institutions, Elizabeth College and Roanoke Woman's College, have been amalgamated into one school at Salem, Va. By the union it is hoped that it will be possible to maintain a school of high and accepted standard. The college has been officially recognized and registered as a "standard" college, enforcing standard requirements for entrance and graduation. The attendance has been gratifying. In 1914-1915 there were 121 students and in 1915-1916 there were 111.

Summerland College is the young and lusty daughter of the South Carolina Synod. Its progress each year is most marked. Already it has outgrown its present buildings and is compelled to look for larger accommodations to house its student body. In 1914-1915 there were 76 girls attending this school and in 1915-1916 there were 82.

Shenandoah Institute is located at New Market, Va., and is an academy for younger persons who are not able to attend Grammar and High schools. It is doing a good work and filling a long-felt want. In 1915-1916 47 young people availed themselves of this opportunity.

Betheden Institute at Betheden, Miss., is a similar school but your Board was unable to secure any information about it.

Marion College reports two good years. Since commencement a new president has taken hold of this work. In 1914-1915 it reports a student body of 132 and for 1915-1916 one of 122.

A number of interesting data might be added about one or the other of the schools, but as it was not possible to secure all about each one the record would be incomplete.

Soon after the meeting of the United Synod in Columbia, S. C., the Board met for organization. The officers elected for the biennium were: President, W. Hoppe; Vice President, Dr. George B. Cromer; Secretary, Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, D.D.; Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D. The Board has held three meetings, two at Columbia, S. C., and one at Newberry, S. C. As Mr. J. H. Rehder, who had been elected to the Board, found that he could not serve, the Board filled the vacancy by the election of Prof. E. S. Dreher. After the death of Pastor J. H. Wannemacher, the Board elected Rev. L. L. Lohr, D.D., to the

unexpired term. At the meeting of the Board in October, 1915, it was resolved, in connection with the General Synod and the General Council, to apply for membership in the Council of Church Boards of Education. Following the instructions of the United Synod preparations were made for the observance of Education Sunday in both years. Although a larger number of schools observed the day this year than last, yet their number is appreciably small. The income of the Board has been extremely meager, preventing the Board from doing a larger work.

Two Educational Conferences with the representatives of our institutions were held, in 1915 at Mont Amoena, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., and the other at Newberry College, Newberry, S. C. The attendance and active participation of the presidents, professors and directors at these conferences have been a source of much encouragement to the Board. A spirit of comity and cooperation is being fostered as never before. As indicative of this spirit attention is called to the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Education be requested to ask the Boards of Trustees of our several Church Schools to appoint representatives to confer and cooperate with the Board of Education in an effort to form plans to be recommended to the United Synod for a better correlation and coordination of our educational work."

Another resolution of the last Conference deserves notice:

"*Resolved*, That this Conference express its deep interest in the proposed nation-wide campaign for the better support of Church institutions and requests our Board of Education to cooperate in this movement and exercise its good offices in keeping the matter effectually before our people."

It requested the Board to arrange for a Conference next year.

At its meeting in June, 21, 1916, the Board of Education received a communication from the President of Elizabeth College, which is appended hereto. Regarding this overture this action was taken:

"Whereas, a communication has been received from the trustees of Elizabeth College and Conservatory of Music offering the College to the United Synod for ownership and control, on terms and conditions which accompany this report of the Board of Education:

"*Resolved*, That, while the Board of Education recognizes with gratification the high standard of Elizabeth College and the desirability of a system of schools and colleges for Lutheran girls, including at least one College of high grade, the financial problems involved and the attitude of the United Synod to the

colleges of the District Synods are such as that the Board of Education deems it wise to submit the offer of Elizabeth College to the United Synod for consideration."

In order that the Board of Education may carry on its work efficiently and effectively it will need the support and aid of the whole Church. At this time when nearly all of our institutions are making special efforts at raising money the Board should be able to come to their assistance by furnishing them with such literature as would arouse our people as never before. Such literature is needed in turning the thoughts of our boys and girls to the schools of their own Church. In a small way this is being begun, but it will be fruitless unless sufficient means are given the Board to carry on this work. For this reason the Board of Education respectfully requests of the United Synod:

1. That the sum of one cent per member be apportioned the Synods for the work of the Board of Education each year.

2. That the United Synod reaffirm its resolution regarding the last Sunday in May of each year as Education Sunday, on which day special sermons on education should be preached, services held with the Bible schools and offerings taken to meet the above apportionment.

By resolution of the Board the various District Synods were visited in the interest of Education Sunday and favorable action was taken looking to a wider observance of the day.

The Secretary of the Board, after serving since the creation of the Board, resigned at the June meeting, having moved beyond the bounds of the United Synod. As this meeting of the United Synod was so close at hand the Board did not fill the vacancy.

The Treasurer's report is subjoined to this.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HOPPE.
L. L. LOHR,
GEO. B. CROMER,
JOHN W. HORINE,
E. W. PEERY,
E. S. DREHER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

By cash for the year 1915	$186 03	
By cash for the year 1916	216 31	$402 34

Disbursements.

To printing for the year 1915	$ 69 50	
To traveling expenses for 1915	54 56	
To printing for the year 1916	120 56	
To 200 "Educational Forces"	8 00	
To traveling expenses for 1916	$102 31	$354 93
By balance in treasury September 21, 1916		$ 47 41

JOHN W. HORINE.

The committee to report on Ministerial Support submitted the following, which was considered and adopted:

No. 8.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Support.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support asks leave to report as follows:

Complete information as to the support of the ministry in the United Synod is not available. At the request of the chairman of your committee, the General Secretary of our Laymen's Missionary Movement sent a circular letter to 185 pastors, asking for a statement of the amount of cash salary per year, rental value of parsonage and approximate value of donations and perquisites. The tabulated result is as follows:

One hundred and twenty-one pastors responded, reporting an aggregate annual cash salary of $109,145 and a total income, including parsonages, donations and perquisites of $132,024.

Average cash salary per year	$ 902
Average income (perquisites, etc.)	1,091

Of the 121 reporting, 34 are living in the city, 55 in town and 32 in the country. A number of those living in town are serving country pastorates.

City Pastors.

34 Reporting.

6 receive a salary of	$1,800*
3 receive a salary of	1,500
8 receive a salary of	1,200
6 receive a salary of	1,000
8 receive less than	1,000
Smallest salary (no parsonage)	750
Average cash salary	1,258
Average total income	1,553

*Minimum salary; some in this class receive more than $1,800.

Pastors Living in Towns Less Than 5,000.

55 Reporting.

3 receive a salary of	$1,200
7 receive a salary of	1,000
7 receive a salary of	900
14 receive a salary of	800
Smallest salary received	575
Average cash salary	825
Average total income	992

Pastors Living in the Country.

32 Reporting.

1 receives a salary of	$1,000
1 receives a salary of	900
6 receive a salary of	800
2 receive less than	500
Average cash salary	655
Average total income	771

Of the 62 pastors not reporting, 33 live in the country, 16 in towns and 13 in cities.

It is a matter of common observation that our ministers are not properly supported. Speaking from the purely material point of view, the minister ought to be the most comfortable man in the congregation. If he must take anxious thought for the food that he and his family are to eat and the clothes they are to wear, his efficiency is impaired, and the spiritual interests of the congregation must suffer. The average congregation, realizing that debt discredits a minister, insists that its pastor pay as he goes. The average salary is so meager that if the average minister had to pay as he goes, he could not go. It is right that our ministers should practice humility and self-denial, but there is no warrant in the Scriptures for the belief that the Lord has specially commissioned the averaged congregation to administer humility and self-denial to its pastors. If the minister wants to look to the ravens for food, that is a personal privilege; but we may not assume that even ravens will supply spiritual nourishment to a congregation that stints its pastor.

The support of the ministry should be in keeping with the dignity, importance and manliness of the calling. Even if this Synod had the authority, it would not be practicable to fix a money standard, owing to the great diversity of local conditions. However, the one thing that is certain is, that the minister should have an adequate support. That means, a support that will maintain

himself and his family in comfort. The rules of the church make it the duty of the deacon "to see that, in accordance with Christ's command, the minister of the church be properly supported." When a minister accepts the call of a congregation at a stated salary, he makes a legal contract that is binding upon both parties. But back of this legal contract, and before the call is issued, is the moral obligation not to offer him less than a proper support, in accordance with Christ's command. The call should be specific as to amount and as to the times of payment. Both the amount offered and the punctuality of payment should be such as to save the minister from the embarrassment of debt. Wages and salaries respond slowly to the increase in the cost of living. A salary that barely gave a proper support last year is inadequate this year.

The question of ministerial support is closely related to two other important subjects: (1) the supply of suitable young men for the ministry and (2) a ministers' fund for the aged and infirm. If our ministers were supported in proportion to the value of their services, and as Christ's command requires, it would be easier to secure choice young men for the ministry, and our pastors could themselves make some sort of provision for their old age.

Your committee, realizing that no practical measure can be suggested that Synod has the power to enforce, makes the following recommendations:

1. That the President of the District Synods be requested to arrange to have sermons and addresses delivered, to the congations of their respective synods, by other persons than their pastors, on the great importance of the adequate support of the ministry.

2. That the executive committee of the Lutheran Laymen's Missionary Movement be requested to aid in carrying on a campaign of education, by distributing literature and delivering addresses on this important subject.

3. That a standing committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be further to investigate and report upon the subject; to cooperate with the other agencies of Synod in an effort to stimulate and encourage suitable young men to enter the ministry; and to report and promote plans for raising and maintaining a fund for the relief of aged and infirm ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER,
B. B. MILLER,
R. G. RHYNE.

Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., was received as the fraternal representative of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, and the Rev. Wm. M. Horn was received as the delegated representative from the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

The Board of Publication submitted its report, which was referred to the Committee on Board of Publication.

No. 9.

Report of Board of Publication.

Your Board of Publication respectfully reports that during the past biennium it has served to the best of its ability the publication interests of the United Synod. At the beginning of the biennium these interests were adversely affected by the European War and its depressing effect upon the income and resources of a large part of our Southern people and now, at the close of the biennium, these interests are confronted by still another adverse situation—the increased and increasing price of paper—caused or at least occasioned by the same lamentable conflict. In the face, however, of these unfavorable conditions your Board is able to report, for the first time in its history, a considerable balance of profit. The figures will be found in their place.

PROPERTY.

Our publication building is in a good state of repair and is a source of revenue to the Board. The printing department, under the management of Mr. C. J. Lindstrom, is depended on to provide sufficient income to offset the loss sustained in the publication of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*.

BOOK STORE AND MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT.

During the biennium the book store was conducted at a profit. To this gratifying result the mail order business, which is enjoying a substantial growth, largely contributed. An increasing number of our congregations and Sunday schools place with the Board their orders for Bibles, church records, envelopes, library books, lesson papers and helps, and other literature and supplies. The earning capacity of the Board will not be reached until all of our pastors and people, individually and collectively in congregation, Sunday school and synod, become its patrons.

PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS.

The Board is the Publisher of the Book of Worship and of the Sunday School Hymnal edited by Dr. E. C. Cronk. The fifth edition of the latter work was issued during the past year. The Board also issued new editions of Hawkins' Memorial Catechism, numbers two and three, and published "Some Counterfeit Religions," a pamphlet of thirty-eight pages, by Rev. Prof. F. C. Longaker, Ph.D. At this date the Board is preparing to publish a new and notable book having the title, "Biblical Dogmatics." The author is the Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Dean of our Theological Seminary.

Your Board, together with the Publication Boards of the General Council and the General Synod, is acting with the Joint Committee on Common Book of Worship in the publication of the completed book. The estimated cost of the key plates, which are now being made, is $5,000. The proportionate share of the United Synod was fixed at one-seventh of that sum, the General Council and the General Synod assigning to themselves each three-sevenths. Your Board accepted one-seventh as equitable and just.

The *Lutheran Church Visitor*, the official organ of the United Synod, has recovered the ground lost during the financial depression of 1915. Its circulation at this date is 6,400 copies. In view of the approaching Jubilee year of 1917 and the fact that the Central Committee on Quadri-Centennial will use the church papers as the media for the communication to our Lutheran people of a large amount of rich material bearing on our Church, its doctrines, history, present status, prospects and destiny—a special effort is being made to place a copy of the *Visitor* in every Lutheran Southern home by the opening of the centennial year. This effort, in the judgment of the Board, deserves the hearty sympathy and active support of all our pastors and church councils. It is felt that with their general and generous cooperation a circulation of 10,000 copies would be quickly reached.

The Board, owing to the rise in the cost of paper and other materials entering into the making of the *Visitor* and *Tidings*, and owing to the increasing loss sustained in their publication (see the figures in another part of this report), found itself constrained to raise the club rate of the *Visitor* from $1.00 to $1.25 per annum, and the subscription price of *Tidings* in quantities (10 to 100) from $15 to $20 per hundred. The regular price of these two papers remain unchanged, namely, $1.50 and 25 cents per copy per annum, respectively. The circulation of *Tidings* at this date is 7,000 copies. The paper so commends itself that it

is confidently expected that it will not only maintain but increase its present circulation, notwithstanding the rise in price.

FINANCES.

At no time have the finances of the Board been in what may be truthfully termed a prosperous condition. The business of the Board has prospered but the Board has not seldom been hard pressed to meet its obligations. A main reason for such embarrassment and stringency has been the long credits extended by the Board or exacted by its customers. A glance at the financial statement forming a part of this report will show accounts receivable (open accounts) on March 31, 1916, amounting to $9,326.02, and bills payable (bills on which the Board's notes are held) of $13,550, and accounts payable (for books, paper stock and other supplies) of $6,113.51. By this system of long credits not only is the Board hard put to it to meet its legitimate expenses, but by being compelled at times to be a bad debtor its own credit is impaired. The Board calls special attention to the first recommendation made in the report of the Committee on the report of the Publication Board and adopted by the United Synod at its last meeting (Minutes of 1914, p. 99), in which patrons are urged to make prompt payment of all accounts.

RECOMMENDATION.

The electrotyped plates of the hymns in the old Book of Worship (126 pages of the large book and 97 pages of the small book) have been received from its former publisher by the Lutheran Board of Publication. These plates are the property of the United Synod. It is extremely unlikely that they will ever again be used. We recommend that they be turned over to the Lutheran Board of Publication to be disposed of in whatever way the Board may deem best.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

In March, 1916, the books of the Board were audited by an expert accountant. His report was accepted by the Board and is herewith given in full.

Financial Statement, March 31, 1916.

Assets—Liquid.

Cash in bank	$812 37	
Cash on hand	161 76	
Petty cash	50 00	$1,024 13

Accounts receivable	9,326 02	
Notes receivable	2,200 00	
Mdse. inventory	5,361 97	
Ptg. Department inventory	2,051 46	
Building and Loan stock	2,272 50	
Total Liquid		$22,236 08

Fixed and Deferred.

Editorial library	$ 131 87	
Furniture and fixtures	1,505 67	
Machy. and equipment	17,660 01	
Real estate	16,000 00	
Sumter St. building	26,519 16	
Storage building	266 05	
Adjustment account	42 86	
Total Fixed		$62,125 62
Total assets		$84,361 70

Liabilities.

Bills payable	$13,550 00	
Bills rediscounted	2,000 00	
Accounts payable	6,113 51	
Total liabilities		$21,663 51
Net assets		$62,698 19

Investment Account.

Property Fund	$ 9,098 82	
Real estate profits	54,663 54	
Actual investment	63,762 36	
Deduct deficit of 3-31-14	4,029 77	
Book value investment, 3-31-14	59,732 59	
Add profit this period (See P & L)	2,965 60	
Book value investment 3-31-16		$62,698 19

TRADING ACCOUNTS MARCH 31, 1914—MARCH 31, 1916.

Merchandise.

Inventory, 3-31-14	$ 6,051 74	
Purchases	16,822 44	
	$22,874 18	
Deduct Inventory 3-31-16	5,361 97	
Cost of goods sold		$17,512 21

Sold for	21,196 73	
Gross profit on merchandise		$ 3.684 52

Printing Department.

Inventory 3-31-14	$ 2,585 06	
Expenses and supplies	41,920 26	
	$44,505 32	
Deduct inventory 3-31-16	2,051 46	
Cost of production	42,453 86	
Sold for	58,686 10	
Gross profit on printing		$16.232 24

Lutheran Church Visitor.

Production costs		$15,801 02	
Collections	$11,186 04		
Advertising	698 30	$11,884 34	
Gross loss on Visitor			$ 3,916 68

Tidings.

Production costs	$ 2,236 01	
Collections	1,283 44	
Gross loss on Tidings		$ 952 57
Net trading profits to profit and loss		$15,047 51

Profit and Loss Account From April 1, 1914, Through March 31, 1916.

Earnings.

Trading profit forward	$15,047 51	
Rents	4,799 93	
Return on note payable	40 32	
Total Earnings		$19,887 76

Expenses.

Commissions paid	$ 27 68
Campaign expenses	3 75
Board meeting expenses	11 00
Freight and express	365 12
Fuel	1,141 39
Interest	1,729 70
Insurance	1,054 65
Office expense	714 75

Postage	847 33	
Repairs	564 71	
Salaries	6,912 35	
Janitor	1,040 00	
Traveling expense	310 60	
Taxes	1,006 92	
Water rent	233 70	
Bad accounts written off and old errors in ledger	529 66	
Miscellaneous expenses	428 85	
Total expenses not charged to departmental costs		$16,922 16
Net profit for period as shown in Investment Account on Financial Statement		2,965 60

Schedule of Bills Payable, March 31, 1916.

Peoples National Bank	$ 2,000 00
Mergenthaler Linotype Co.	2,300 00
American Type Founders	250 00
Va. Life Insurance Co.	9,000 00
Total per Financial Statement	$13,550 00

Schedule of Accounts Payable.

American Bible Society	$ 133 07
E. C. Cronk (royalties)	301 18
G. H. Gerberding (royalties)	347 60
Lutheran Publication Society	1,011 61
Scripture Lessons	1 35
Gen. Council Pub. House	1,828 73
Sundry Mdse and Exp. accounts	2,489 97
Total per Financial Statement	$ 6,113 51

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. CROMER, President.
JOHN W. HORINE, Manager.

On motion, 11 o'clock a. m., tomorrow was fixed as the time to receive the reports of our delegates to other Synods, and to hear from the fraternal delegates of the General Synod and the General Council.

On motion, Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., Rev. Wm. M. Horn, and Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., were made advisory members; and all visiting ministers from churches in the United Synod were also received, and requested to hand their names to the Secretary for publication in our Minutes.

The Executive Committee made its report, which was received and considered by items. Pending the consideration of this report Synod adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m., tomorrow.

Prayer by Rev. M. O. J. Kreps.

At 8 p. m., Vesper services were led by Rev. J. F. Crigler. Rev. J. A. Huffard made the address on Orphan Home, and Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware on Inner Missions.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, November 10, 1916, 9:30 A. M.

The Synod convened, and the opening service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Seegers.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's sessions read and approved.

The President announced the following:

No. 10.

Standing Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev. Chas. K. Bell, D.D., Rev. Edw. Fulenwider, Rev. I. D. Worman, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Messrs. R. F. Bowe, J. H. Marsteller, John A. Cline.

2. *On Minutes of Last Synod.*—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Rev. P. E. Monroe, Messrs, A. E. Waltman, S. T. Shank, J. Rom Smith.

3. *On District Synods.*—Rev. C. A. Brown, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., Rev. H. A. Kistler, Messrs. J. M. Kinser, A. P. Snider, W. L. Kinney, E. M. Minnick.

4. *On Devotional Exercises.*—The Pastors loci and the officers of Synod.

5. *On the Theological Seminary.*—Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D., Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D.D., Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Rev. T. W. Shealy, Messrs. J. H. Marsteller, A. H. Snider, J. R. Rhodes.

6. *On Board of Education.*—Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., Rev. B. S. Brown, Rev. E. J. Sox, Rev. T. W. Shealy, Messrs. W. T. Stauffer, Fred Larkins, H. P. Lutz.

7. *On Orphan Home.*—Rev. J. H. Harms, D.D., Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D., Rev. G. H. Rhodes, Rev. J. L. Morgan, Messrs, J. E. Cooper, Jas. D. Heilig, C. O. Miller, M.D.

8. *On Lowman Home.*—Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Rev. W. J. Finck, D.D., Rev. F. K. Roof, Rev. A. R. Beck, Messrs. J. W. Jenny, J. W. Reiser, J. F. Neas.

9. *On Home Missions.*—Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph.D., Rev. W. H. Riser, Messrs. H. L. Bonham, H. L. Synder, A. B. Greiner, M.D.

10. *On Foreign Missions.*—Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., Rev. J. A. Huffard, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., Rev. J. J. Scherer, D.D., Messrs. W. F. Aberly, J. V. Sutton J. H. C. Huitt.

11. *On Board of Publication.*—Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph.D., Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., Rev. L. L. Lohr, D.D., Messrs. A. M. Hanna, J. M. Rhodes and W. K. Shealy.

12. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D., Rev. W. A. Lutz, Rev. J. Luther Sieber, Rev. W. C. Davis, Messrs. M. F. P. Troutman, E. F. Irick.

13. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. A. H. Kohn, R. G. Rhyne, W. D. Houck, Jacob Umlauf, O. V. Hefner.

14. *On Church Literature.*—Rev. Jas. D. Kinard, Rev. J. F. Crigler, Rev. J. L. Cromer, Rev. T. B. Epting, Messrs. J. H. Rehder, G. B. Morehead, T. G. Rydingsvard.

15. *On Christian Unity.*—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D.

16. *On Church Art and Architecture.*—Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., Rev. C. K. Hunton.

17. To *Nominate Visitors to Other General Bodies.*—Rev. Geo. H. L. Lingle, Rev. E. H. Copenhaver, Rev. D. I. Offman, Mr. F. R. Epting.

Rev. J. A. Huffard was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Consideration of the pending report was resumed, amended and adopted:

No. 11.

Report of Executive Committee of the United Synod.

In compliance with the requirement of the United Synod the Executive Committee held its first meeting in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia, S. C., November 13, 1914, immediately upon adjournment of the Synod. The formal organization was effected with Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., President of United Synod, *ex-officio* Chairman of Executive Committee, and Rev. M. M. Kinard, Secretary.

We report the following items of business as having come before your Committee during the biennium:

FIXING DATE OF SYNOD.

By conference with the authorities of St. Paul's, Wilmington, the Executive Committee fixed the date for opening of the 1916 Convention of the United Synod, November 7th. By same authorities the date was later changed to November 9th to allow members of this body to vote in the general election before leaving home.

THEOLOGICIAL SEMINARY.

Upon the urgent request of the Central Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, the Executive Committee of United Synod authorized the said Central Committee to apportion and raise amongst the congregations of the United Synod, the sum of $1,500 to pay the interest past due on the Seminary debt. This seemed a pressing necessity.

The Board requests the usual amount per annum of $2,500 apportionment for current expenses.

Report of Board of Education shows receipts for the biennium to the amount of $402.34; disbursements for same time $354.93, leaving a balance in the treasury of $47.41. The Board asks for an apportionment of one cent per member or $500 for the next biennium.

COMMON SERVICE BOOK.

With reference to the new Common Service Book, we hail with joy the prospect of its early appearance. The United Synod is expected to provide means for the payment of the expense of getting out the key-plates, which will be approximately $1,000.

ORPHAN HOME.

At the request of the Executive Committee of the Corporation of the Orphan Home, Salem, Virginia, your Committee heard a plea for the privilege to go before the Church and solicit funds to the amount of some $18,000 with which to buy additional lands and greatly enlarge and develop the Orphan Home and its possibilities. After full hearing and thorough discussion on the part of the Executive Committee the following resolutions were adopted and are herewith submitted for your consideration and disposition:

"Whereas, the Corporation of the Orphan Home has submitted to the Executive Committee of the United Synod, plans for the development and enlargement of the Orphan Home, based upon the purchase of additional lands and has asked the Executive Committee for authority to raise the necessary money to pay for said lands, therefore Resolved:

1. That this Committee is in hearty sympathy with the desire of the Corporation to provide for the better home-care of the children and for the more adequate training for useful living.

2. That inasmuch as the entire Church is deeply interested in the proper foundation and development of this institution, and the next meeting of the United Synod is not far distant, this Committee is of the opinion that the interests of this undertaking would be best subserved by the general discussion of details and methods

of such inauguration and development on the floor of the United Synod.

3. That in the meantime the Corporation has the permission of this Committee to solicit conditional subscriptions for developing this work, subject to any change the United Synod may make in the plans suggested by the Corporation, and that this Committee suggests that the Corporation make an earnest effort to secure an extension of the option, referred to in their report to this Committee, until after the meeting of the United Synod."

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by your Committee in Charlotte at a meeting held, July 11, 1916.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

While the Board makes no specific request for aid, still to meet the deficit incurred by the publication of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings*, the liberal patronage of the printing department is necessary.

HOME MISSIONS.

Seeing the church advance in her Home Mission offerings from 30 to 45 per cent. during the closing biennium over the preceding one, and with due regard to the needy and inviting fields ahead, the Board again asks for the annual apportionment, amongst the District Synods, of $25,000 for the next biennium.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board received from all sources, $14,000 per annum of the $25,000 for the biennum, closed one month earlier, and asks the annual apportionment, amongst the District Synods, of $25,000 for the next two years, exclusive of the distinctively women's work, supported by the women, and the erection of the new buildings not already provided for in whole or in part.

The Board further asks that the United Synod authorize a campaign to raise $50,000 as our Quadricentennial contribution to Foreign Missions and in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Japan mission; said fund to be designated the "Robert C. Holland Memorial Fund," to apply on liquidation of outstanding indebtedness of the Board; to erect necessary new buildings for the school and for the general work and other serious needs that may arise.

REPORT TREASURER UNITED SYNOD.

An examination of the report of the Treasurer of the United Synod reveals the fact that, some $312 is still due from the

District Synods and that the treasury of United Synod shows a deficit of $350. We, therefore, recommend that this Synod respectfully request the prompt payment of all arrearages of District Synods. We further recommend that the annual per capita apportionment of two cents per member be raised in all our District Synods for current expenses of the General Body.

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS ASKED.

For Current Expenses Per Annum.

Home Missions	$25,000
Foreign Missions	25,000
Theological Seminary	2,500
For United Synod expenses	1,000
Total	$53,500

Special Objects.

While we are glad to see the work of the Church grow, yet we feel that a word of caution is necessary.

Theological Seminary "Debt Relief and Endowment Fund"	$ 50,000
Foreign Missions Quadrcentennial and 25th anniversary of Japan Mission Robert C. Holland Memorial Fund	50,000
Balance of $50,000 Permanent Loan Fund Home Missions ($15,000 of which has been raised) leaving	35,000
United Synod's part key-plates Common Service Book....	1,000
Total of all items	$136,000

Very respectfully submitted,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
M. M. KINARD,
H. L. BONHAM,
C. M. EFIRD.

Rev. M. M. Kinard, fraternal delegate to the General Synod, reported. Report adopted.

No. 12.

Report of Official Visitor to the General Synod.

As official visitor from this Body, it was my pleasure to attend the forty-seventh biennial Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United State of America, which met in Akron, Ohio, May 26 to June 2, 1915. My reception

was most cordial on the part of the Synod and my entertainment, on "the Harvard plan," most hospitable. When presented to extend the greetings of the United Synod to the General Synod, every courtesy was shown me, and the brethren manifested deep interest in the message I delivered from you to them. In reply to my words, Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D.D., President of the Synod, in most eloquent terms expressed delight at the pleasant mutual relations existing between the two General Bodies, and authorized me to assure you that a fraternal delegate will bring the greetings of the General Synod to our 1916 Convention in Wilmington.

The Akron Convention was a great meeting. The grand church in which the Body assembled, with its churchly appointments and superb music by a well trained choir of fifty voices, was a real inspiration. The large number of clergy and laity composing the venerable Body, almost a century old, had a fine tonic effect. The spirit of harmony and the unanimity of feeling and action was simply beautiful. They met to legislate for the welfare of the Church. The evidence of the desire for closer relation among all Bodies of the Lutheran Church in this country was not far to seek. Minimizing the importance of denominational lines, in order to attain an ideal unification of Christianity, found no favor in that assembly of churchmen.

Educational and missionary interests received careful attention and provision was made for proper expansion. Effective plans were laid for the consolidation of *The Lutheran Observer* and *Lutheran Church Work.* Evidences of closer relation amongst Lutherans of General Bodies were cited and stressed in the form of the Common Service Book. Common Sunday school literature, etc. Such signs pointed the way towards federation if not union. The General Synod set itself the task of raising amongst the twenty-four District Synods of the Body, one million dollars for educational purposes as a Quadricentennial celebration fund—a memorial—1917.

The next convention of the General Synod will be held in 1917 in Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL M. KINARD.

Rev. R. L. Fritz, fraternal delegate to the General Council, made his report, which was adopted.

No. 13.

Report of Fraternal Delegate to the General Council.

Your fraternal delegate to the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America begs leave to report that he

attended the thirty-fifth convention of this great Lutheran body, which was held in Zion Lutheran Church, Rock Island, Illinois, and First Lutheran Church, Moline, Illinois, September 9-14, 1915, and conveyed the greetings of this body. He made brief reference to the work of our United Synod and due acknowledgment of the help and encouragement received from the General Council—her great leaders and institutions—by the Lutherans of the South in the days gone by.

The reception accorded your delegate was most courteous and cordial. The very warm words of welcome extended by the noted President, Dr. Schmauk, were beautifully expressive of the unity and fraternal and practical fellowship of the two bodies and made your representative feel entirely at home.

Your delegate recalled what was said years ago by the late Dr. J. C. Moser: "The General Council is most nearly the ideal of the Lutheran Church in America." It is one of the most progressive of the larger Lutheran bodies in our country, embracing 14 district synods and having a membership of 494,501 communicants, 2,599 congregations, 1,730 ministers, and church property valued at $32,926,060. There were present 149 clerical and 86 lay delegates from the district synods, making a total of 235. To look upon such a large gathering of splendid, strong Lutheran men and to witness their dignified and impressive deliberations was most stimulating and encouraging to your delegate. Massiveness, seriousness and consciousness of power and responsibility were much in evidence.

In a brief report it is impossible to give a comprehensive statement or analysis of the great and various work of the General Council in missions, home, foreign and inner.

There was consideration of and action upon such great questions as the Unification of the Churches in Christendom and federation and cooperation of Lutheran bodies in America and the World.

The General Council went on record as heartily favoring the reading of the Bible in all schools, public and private, and deploring any efforts to have the practice discontinued and urged that the more formal reading of passages of Scripture at school exercises is by no means to be regarded as a substitute for other religious instruction, that all its synods and congregations be fully alive to the importance of religious education and reaffirmed its opinion that the "half-day per week" is none too much time for the Church to claim of the State.

Much progress was reported by the Church Book and Quadricentennial committees and suitable action was taken looking to the consummation of these great undertakings.

A timely and valuable statement on Inner Mission and Social Service was made: "The Watchword of the State is justice and

the arm of its power is law. The watchword of the Church is mercy and the arm of its power is love. Hence Social Service should ally itself with the State rather than with the Church."

The Inner Mission, on the other hand, being a work of love and mercy that is essentially redemptive, is not merely an ally or adjunct of the Church but a necessary part of its propagating power. It is a Good Samaritan and a good missionary combined in one. It is a leaven permeating society and working out its redemption, not a regulative force working out reforms by the aid of the law. Its spirit and method are evangelical, not legalistic.

The General Council appointed a committee looking to the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary in 1917.

The Rev. Wm. M. Horn, of New York City, was appointed fraternal visitor to this meeting of our United Synod.

Your delegate hereby expresses his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by this appointment and trusts that his mission has been in a measure satisfactorily carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. FRITZ.

Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., delegate from the General Synod, presented the fraternal greetings of his Synod. Response by Rev. J. W. Horine.

Rev. Wm. M. Horn, the official representative from the General Council, presented the greetings of that body, to which response was made by Rev. L. A. Fox.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, of the General Synod, was received as an advisory member of this Synod, also Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D.

Mr. H. E. Bonitz invited the Synod to visit Wrightsville Beach as the guest of the congregation, at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

Synod then adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m. today.

Prayer by Rev. Jas. D. Kinard.

FOURTH SESSION.

Friday, November 10, 1916, 2:30 P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. A. Deaton.

Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, President of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, made the following report, which was adopted.

No. 14.

Report of Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors elected at the last meeting of the United Synod, met November 13, 1916, and was organized by

electing the following named members as its officers: Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D., President; Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D., Vice President, Mr. A. H. Kohn, Secretary; Hon. C. M. Efird, Treasurer.

The students in attendance at the Seminary during the session of 1914-15 numbered 14 in all. Six were in the Senior class; two in the Middle class; and six in the Junior class. The six Seniors received certificates of graduation at the close of the session.

During the session 1915-16, the attendance of students was the same as the preceding session, 14 in all—two in the Senior class, six in the Middle class,, six in the Junior class. The two Seniors were given certificates of graduation at the close of the session.

There are in attendance at the Seminary at the present time twenty young men: Six in the Senior class, six in the Middle class, and eight in the Junior class. Of the twenty now in attendance, ten are from the Tennessee Synod, five are from the North Carolina Synod; three are from the South Carolina Synod, and two are from the Georgia Synod.

The indebtedness of the Seminary on buildings has not been reduced any since our last convention. As the interest on the debt, gradually accumulating, was assuming such undesirable and embarrassing proportions, in order to pay it, or at least considerably reduce it, the Board, in May of this year, placed an apportionment of $1,500 on the congregations within the United Synod, and with the amount apportioned specified and forwarded to each congregation, was sent a special letter presenting and emphasizing the very pressing needs, and also urging the immediate raising and payment of same. In response to this special urgent appeal, the report of the Treasurer of the building fund, the Rev. Dr. C. A. Freed, shows that to October 23, 1916, $948.43 had been received. This same report shows receipts from other sources, including subscription bonds and pledges, amounting to $1,104.64, making total receipts from all sources during the biennium, $2,053.07. The report shows the following disbursements: $1,693.01 on interest, $177 for repairs on Seminary building, postage, etc., $183,06 on deposit in bank. The report of the Treasurer of the building fund has been audited by the Board, and is held subject to your inspection.

In addition to the debt on buildings, as reported by the Board at the last convention of this Synod (Minutes of 1914, page 61) there is at the present time a considerable sum of accumulated interest which the Board, on account of a lack of funds, has not been able to pay.

By the action and authority of the United Synod at its last meeting (Minutes 1914, page 91, items 3 and 5), the Board, in June 1916, devised a plan of campaign for the purpose of raising

a fund of $50,000, to be called "The Reformation Quadricentennial Seminary Fund." This fund is for the purpose of liquidating the debt and increasing the endowment. On account of the unfavorable world-wide conditions prevailing through the summer, the plan was not put into execution. It is the Board's purpose now to put this plan into full operation in the near future. This plan of the Board is attached hereto, and is marked Exhibit "A."

At the annual meeting in 1915, the Board devised and adopted a plan for establishing Seminary scholarships, which may be established by either individuals or congregations. This plan is hereto attached, marked Exhibit B.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

We submit the following summary of the last annual report of the Treasurer, Hon. C. M. Efird:

Amount of Corpus	$36,405 22
Amount loaned	35,517 98
Cash in bank	887 24
Income account	5,156 83
Amount paid out	5,614 11
Overdraft	457 28

You will observe that the corpus in this report is less than reported at the last Convention, caused by virtue of the adjustment authorized by the United Synod in certain losses the fund sustained in a bank failure. (See Minutes 1914, page 63.)

It is gratifying to be able to report that our esteemed and lamented friend and brother, the Rev. Alexander Phillippi, D.D., bequeathed to the Seminary a legacy of $100. The Board directed that this legacy be placed to the credit of the Endowment Fund.

We regret to have to call the attention of the Synod to the fact that the $2,500 appropriated annually to the current fund of the Seminary, and which has been apportioned equably among the several District Synods, has not been paid in full but by few, if any, of the said Synods. The amounts of this apportionment which have been raised and forwarded to our treasury by the larger number of our Synods, have been entirely too small. The Board, therefore, would bring this matter to the earnest attention of our pastors and our people, and would emphasize the supreme importance of paying the apportionment in full in order to meet the current expenses of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS, President.

"EXHIBIT A."

PLAN FOR RAISING "THE REFORMATION QUADRICENTENNIAL FUND" OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. This effort to raise $50,000 for the Seminary shall be called "The Reformation Quadricentennial Fund." The effort shall terminate on December 31, 1917.

2. The plan shall be to unite the entire membership of the United Synod in the effort to raise the desired amount. This shall be effected by getting each congregation in the United Synod to raise a proportionate part of $50,000 as the minimum of its contribution. The aim shall be to have every member contribute something, so that it shall be, in the true sense, the work of the entire Church.

3. For the direction of the effort a committee of three shall be elected by the Central Executive Committee. The chairman of the Committee of Direction shall be the General Director, and he shall be compensated for his labors.

4. The Committee of Direction shall provide for a cooperating committee in each conference of the several District Synods. The Committee of Direction shall ask the Presidents of the several District Synods, in consultation with the Presidents of Conferences, to appoint the Conference Committees, or with the consent of the President of a Synod, the Conference may elect their committee. In each synod the Conference Committees shall unitedly constitute a Synodical Committee.

5. It shall be the duty of the General Director, with the advice and assistance of the Committee of Direction, to apportion $50,000 to the District Synods with the advise of the respective Conference Committee to apportion each synodical share among the congregations of the several Conferences; to see that every congregation shall take up the cause; to advise and distribute suitable forms of literature for information and of blanks and envelopes for subscriptions and contributions; to secure special speakers, whenever necessary; to bring the cause before Synods, Conferences and other gatherings, either in person or by a suitable representative; and in general to do whatever is necessary to carry the effort forward to success. The General Director shall report monthly to the Central Executive Committee.

6. It shall be the duty of Conference Committees to cooperate with the Committee of Direction, more especially the General Director, in carrying chosen plans within their respective Conferences, or, as the case may be, within their Synods, to see that all the congregations in their Conference assume their proper share in this work and carry it through to a successful conclusion; to advise and assist congregational committees, to pro-

vide speakers, when necessary, to present the cause; to report from time to time to the General Director of the progress made; and to advise and assist him in the distribution of literature, and to further the prosecution of the effort in whatever way they can.

7. Conference Committees, with the advice of the pastors, shall appoint in each congregation a committee, which shall present or have presented to the congregation the cause, and see that every member has an opportunity to make a contribution, and urge the congregation to raise at least the amount of its apportionment. The names of the persons composing these committees shall be reported to the General Director.

8. The General Director shall seek to interest Young People's Societies, Brotherhoods, and Sunday schools in the cause.

9. Both cash and subscriptions shall be solicited. Subscriptions shall be payable in one year from their date or in a shorter period.

10. Treasurers of congregations shall remit quarterly to the treasurer of the Central Executive Committee.

11. A large Roll Book, in which the names of all contributors shall be entered, shall be procured and kept by the Committee of Direction. After the completion of the entire movement, this Roll Book shall be preserved in the Seminary as a part of the history of the Reformation Quadricentennial Seminary Fund. Congregational committees shall be provided with small roll books in which the names of the contributors in their congregation shall be entered.

12. The Committee of Direction shall also devise a system of annuities, the income from which shall be used only for endowment.

"EXHIBIT B."

SEMINARY STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

1. The Scholarship Fund, consisting of at least $125 per annum, shall be used for the maintenance of a student needing and deserving aid.

2. It shall be established through the gifts of congregations or individuals.

3. It shall be independent of and additional to the apportionment.

4. It shall be administered by the Dean of the Faculty in accordance with terms agreed upon by the donor.

The Committee on Parochial Blank made the following report, which was adopted:

No. 15.

Proposed Statistical Blank.

Your committee appointed to prepare a statistical blank would hereby submit the following form:

We recommend that instead of printing this blank in the Minutes it be printed on separate sheets and sent to Secretaries of Synods to be supplied to congregations as they may need them.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Y. BOOZER,
C. A. FREED.

Rev. J. C. Seegers made the report of the Committee on Work for the Negro Race. The report was received and considered by items. After some discussion, the report was recommitted.

The following Executive Committee was appointed by the President to be confirmed by the Synod: Revs. M. M. Kinard, and J. A. Morehead with C. M. Efird and H. L. Bonham.

Rev. E. C. Cronk read the report on Laymen's Missionary Movement. The report was adopted.

No. 16.

Report of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

This report is made with profound gratitude to God for the opportunities that have come to the Laymen's Missionary Movement, during the past ten years, to aid in the work of His Kingdom. During the biennium just closing the Movement has been used in a larger way than ever before in doing definite work in and for the Church.

In the early days of the Movement it was only natural that we had to seek oportunities and openings. Now after ten years' proving, it is not surprising that opportunities are coming to us more rapidly than they can be embraced. Three of our Synods have definitely asked the assistance of the Movement in their policies and plans for the next year and the invitations from individual congregations are far in excess of the days in the General Secretary's calendar.

It is evident that there is a growing confidence in the work, and that the Movement by persistent effort and careful study of the needs and opportunities is constantly adapting and enlarging its plans to meet those needs and opportunities.

Our Third General Convention, was held in Roanoke, Va., March, 14-16, 1916, with a registration of over 1,000. The earnest, prayerful gathering together of these hundreds of laymen to study

missionary problems and opportunities cannot fail of results.

An increased financial support of the Movement was pledged at this meeting, and the Executive Committee was greatly strengthened by the election of a General Committee consisting of the following laymen:

R. J. Walker, Mt. Jackson, Va.; A. W. Klemme, High Point, N. C.; W. C. Norman, Richmond, Va.; C. W. Polvogt, Wilmington, N. C.; W. P. Huffman, Hickory, N. C.; E. B. Brittain, Gastonia, N. C.; A. E. Waltman, Charlotte, N. C.; G. C. Hine, Winston-Salem, N. C.; J. A. Greever, Tazewell, Va.; W. F. Aberly, New Bern, N. C.; Fred Larkins, Birmingham, Ala.; R. F. Bowe, Greenville, S. C.; E. W. Peery, M.D., Lynchburg, Va.; R. G. Koiner, Staunton, Va.; G. F. McAllister, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.; A. B. Greiner, M.D., Rural Retreat, Va.; W. H. Mixson, Charleston, S. C.; D. N. Akard, Blountville, Tenn.; C. H. Konemann, Savannah, Ga; D. F. Kahrs, Augusta, Ga.; A. P. Snyder, Marion, Va.; John M. Rhodes, Lincolnton, N. C.; W. T. Stauffer, Newport News, Va.; W. K. Shealy, Leesville, S. C.; J. H. Sheppard, Goodman, Miss.; H. L. Snyder, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

The Lutherans of Augusta, Ga., in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and various civic organizations, sent an invitation to the Roanoke Convention that the 1918 Convention be held in that city. This invitation was accepted and plans are now being made for the Augusta Convention.

Missionary education and training has been the work to which the Movement has given itself in large measure. In addition to the General Convention it has conducted smaller training conferences in many centers and hundreds of conferences with church officers. The General Secretary has visited all our colleges and the Theological Seminary to confer with the students and to organize Mission Study classes.

Literature has been distributed through the Committees. With more than 1,500 men serving on 400 Committees, it is possible for us to reach practically the entire constituency of the United Synod without burdening our overtaxed pastors.

The development of our laymen has been so gradual and steady that we who have witnessed it at close range have scarcely realized it, but one of our missionaries returning to America after a seven years' absence says that it impresses him as one of the striking advances of recent years.

Ten years ago we would have counted it an impossible task to assemble one hundred laymen for a three days' convention, at their own expense, to consider the things of the Kingdom of God. Last year we assembled over 1,000 men in such a convention. Ten years ago it would have been a strange sight to have seen a score of automobiles drawn up before a church door to take

teams of business men out on an Every Member Canvass for education and church finance. Now we are getting used to seeing our laymen go right ahead with such canvasses. Our laymen are giving themselves and their possessions to the Church as they have never given before.

For the part the Laymen's Missionary Movement has had in bringing this to pass we give thanks. For the work that is yet to be done, we stand ready to serve the Church.

GEORGE B. CROMER, Chairman.
KENNETH BAKER, Treasurer.
E. C. CRONK, General Secretary.
J. V. SUTTON.
J. H. MARSTELLER,
A. H. SNIDER.
O. B. MAYER.
C. M. EFIRD.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report submitted the following which was adopted.

No. 17.
(See Report No. 3.)

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Your Committee appointed on Treasurer's Report would respectfully report:

The Treasurer has in his possession and has exhibited to us securities aggregating $12,000—$10,000 of the Cover Fund and $2,000 of the Swigert Fund.

We have also examined the Treasurer's cash account and find same correct, disbursements being evidenced by proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. KOHN,
JACOB UMLAUF,
O. V. HEFNER,
R. G. RHYNE.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m., tomorrow.

At 8 p. m., Vesper service were led by Rev. T. B. Epting. The address on Foreign Missions was made by Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., and that on Home Missions by Rev. J. L. Morgan.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, November 11, 1916, 9:30 A. M.

Synod convened, and the opening service was conducted by Rev. Wm. J. Finck.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

On motion, the Secretary cast the vote of the Synod for the Executive Committee previously appointed by the President.

Prof. J. T. Crabtree, Superintendent of our Orphan Home, was received as an advisory member.

The standing Committee on Church Art and Architecture made the following report, which was adopted:

No. 18.

Report of Committee on Church Art and Architecture.

Your Committee on Church Art and Architecture, appointed for the first time at your last Convention, has applied itself to the solution of the problem as how best to serve the purpose for which it was constituted.

The first field for usefulness that seemed open to it was to act in an advisory capacity to pastors and congregations who cared to consult it. The large number of pastors and congregations in various parts of our territory and one from beyond the bounds of the United Synod that have consulted the committee shows a general desire to take advantage of this service. The committee has cheerfully studied each problem presented and has made such suggestions as it was thought would be helpful. Cordial letters of appreciation of the suggestion given have been received.

The committee has undertaken the preparation of a series of short practical articles for publication in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* setting forth some of the principles involved in its work. It is the intention to republish the articles in pamphlet form so that the information thus gathered may be made available in convenient form at slight cost for pastors and building committees which have such work to do.

The committee hopes to be able through this means to bring our people to a better understanding of the principles underlying good church architecture and of church furnishing and thus promote the realization of higher ideals.

The Lutheran Church has a beautiful Liturgy and our sanctuaries should be so constructed that they shall be in harmony with that Liturgy and be adapted to its use. Too long this matter has been neglected among us. Many of our churches are very commonplace and unattractive when a building along much more beautiful lines, and much more satisfactory and harmonious in its appointments, could have been built for the same cost.

To enable the committee to give more efficient help, we recommend:

1. That the committee be authorized to have designs for several types of churches prepared so that congregations which

are not able to employ a skilled architect can thus secure substantial and dependable aid.

2. That an appropriation of one hundred dollars be made available for the work of the committee for the next biennium.

3. That missions and established congregations be encouraged and urged to consult the committee with regard to the selection of church sites, building, remodeling and redecorating operations, and church art in all its branches. The committee will seek to give or procure trustworthy advice in such matters. The simplest church can be made harmonious and beautiful, and the subject is worthy of careful study.

CHAS. K. HUNTON,
GEORGE J. GONGAWARE,
JNO. C. SEEGERS.

The Committee on Letters reported. Report was considered by items, and adopted:

No. 19.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

A number of letters have come into the hands of this committee calling our attention to the following matters:

1. Communications from the President and Secretary of the Pan Lutheran Society for Mission Work in Latin America, including a copy of the constitution of the society. We recommend,

(a) That Articles 1, 2, 3, of the constitution of this society be read before the Synod;

(b) That this Synod give its approval to the purpose and plan of this society.

2. A letter from Dr. Luther D. Reed, Secretary of the Joint Committee on Common Book of Worship, submitting a resolution passed by that Committee calling for action on the part of the General Bodies represented in that committee, on the change of the words Holy Christian Church to Holy Catholic Church in the Apostles' Creed. We recommend that the resolution be read and acted upon by the United Synod.

3. A letter of appreciation from Dr. Henry E. Jacobs in response to telegrams sent to him by this body on the occasion of his seventieth birthday. We recommend that this letter be read before the Synod.

4. A letter from the Secretary of the Woman's Conference, calling our attention to a resolution passed by that body at its meeting two years ago, found on page 141 of the minutes of last session. We recommend that this resolution be read and acted upon.

5. A letter from the manager of the Herald Publishing House of Lamoni, Iowa, asking for information concerning Lutheran Polity. We recommend that this communication be referred to the faculty of the Theological Seminary for answer.

6. A communication from Sidney L. Gulick, Secretary of the World Alliance for the Promotion of International Friendship through the Churches, together with explanatory literature, asking for the consideration of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this———welcome the invitation of the American Council of the World Alliance for promoting International Friendship through the Churches to cooperation in this great work, that this body herewith establishes a Commission for this purpose to consist of———members to be apointed by the ———and that we endorse the invitation of the American Council of the World Alliance to our congregations to establish local committees to cooperate with the Executive Committee of the Council."

7. Communication from Dr. Geo. H. Cox, accompanying manuscript of statistics for publication. We recommend that the United Synod authorize its Treasurer to remunerate him to the extent of $20 for his services as Statistical Secretary.

Written invitations for the next biennial meeting of the United Synod have been placed in our hands by Holy Trinity Church, Jackson, Miss.; St. Mark's Church, Roanoke, Va.; and the First Lutheran Church of Greenville, S. C.

We recommend these invitations be read to the Synod for its consideration when ready to choose place of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
W. C. DAVIS,
J. LUTHER SIEBER,
W. A. LUTZ,
M. F. P. TROUTMAN,
E. F. IRICK.

Under item 6, the President of Synod was "asked to answer the communication, with the instruction that this Synod declines to enter into the cooperation asked for."

In response to a letter from the Joint Committee on Common Book of Worship, asking for action on the change of the words "Holy Christian Church," in the Creed, to "Holy Catholic Church," it was,

Resolved, That we oppose the change.

The request of the Woman's Conference, relating to the fostering of schools in neglected districts, was granted.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions submitted its report. The report was considered and adopted by items.

Under item 3, the Synod was led in prayer by Rev. B. S. Brown.

Pending the consideration of the report Synod accepted the invitation of the congregation to visit Wrightsville Beach, and adjourned to meet at 2 p. m., today.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Lutz.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, November 11, 1916, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order and was led in prayer by Rev. E. A. Repass.

The consideration of the pending report was resumed.

The item relating to the consolidation of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards was stricken out, and the last item of the report was recommitted.

Synod was then adjourned to meet after the service tonight.

At 8 p. m., Vesper services were led by Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes. Rev. J. L. Sieber made the address on "Our Publication Interests," and that on Theological Seminary was made by Rev. L. L. Lohr.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Saturday, November 11, 1916, 9:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order, and the Committee on Orphan Home presented its report, which was considered, to be adopted by items.

Pending its consideration Synod adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m., on Monday, the 13th instant.

Prayer by Rev. Wm. J. Finck.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Monday, November 13, 1916, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod convened, and the devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Peery.

The Minutes of the sessions of Saturday were read and approved.

The consideration of the report on Orphan Home was resumed, and the report was adopted, and the nominees were elected:

No. 20 and 20a.

Report of Committee on the Report of the Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Your Committee on the Corporation of the Orphan Home begs leave to report that it has examined the reports and papers placed in its hand reviewing the work of the past biennium, especially the plans for the improvement and extension of the Orphan Home, proposed by the Corporation, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the United Synod in 1914. (Minutes 1914, page 93.)

The affairs of the Orphan Home have been most wisely and efficiently administered. The accommodations for this work have been distressingly meagre and insufficient, and it would seem that the time is ripe for making a more ample provision for these wards of the Church by way of better physical and educational facilities. It ought to be possible for the Lutherans of the South to afford these poor dependent children who apply to us for home and training a better chance than that which can now be offered on account of lack of space and proper housing and educational advantages.

Your committee records with sorrow the death of two members of the Corporation, the Rev. J. E. Shenk and the Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., both of whom were faithful friends of the Orphan Home. We note also that another good friend of this cause has removed without the bounds of the United Synod. Thus three vacancies have been created in the membership of the Corporation during the biennium.

During the biennium Mrs. M. D. Davis, the matron of the Home, was called away by death. She gave six and a half years of faithful and efficient service.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the report of the Corporation be printed in the Minutes of Synod.

2. That the Corporation be authorized to exercise the option they now hold on Tract "M," (adjoining Tract "C" which is now owned by the Corporation), and further described in a publication of the Home, containing 22¼ acres, to cost $8,250; that it be authorized to solicit funds for this purpose and also to cancel the debt on the Home, amounting at present to $2,523.23, a total to be secured of $10,773.23; also that the Corporation be authorized to sell or exchange any of its present holdings of property or real estate, described as Tract "A" and Tract "B," in publication above referred to, whenever it shall be found advantageous to do so, and to reinvest the proceeds of the sale or exchange first

in buildings on Tract "M," which is about to be acquired, and the balance, if any, in other lands which may be desirable.

3. We respectfully nominate the following: for the vacancy in class of 1918, Rev. I. E. Long; for the vacancy in class of 1919, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr.; for the vacancy class of 1921, Mr. O. V. Hefner; for the class of 1922, Rev. J. L. Sieber, Rev. Paul Sieg, Mr. J. Frank Clemmer, Mr. J. H. Marsteller, and Mr. I. V. Yonce; for the class of 1923, Rev. C. K. Hunton, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher and Mr. H. D. Derrick.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY HARMS,
J. E. COOPER,
J. L. MORGAN,
C. O. MILLER,
JAMES D. HEILIG,
W. HOPPE.

Report of Corporation of the Orphan Home.

Since the last meeting of the Synod the Corporation and the Board of Trustees have held two meetings.

The nominees of the Synod for membership in the corporation were elected. From those so elected vacancies in the Board were filled. The officers of the Corporation are: Rev. Paul Sieg, President; Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Vice President; Mr. R. W. Kime, Secretary; Mr. Ivan V. Yonce, Treasurer.

Besides the vacancies caused by the expiration of their terms of office there has been one removal from the bounds of Synod, 1919—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. J. E. Shenk, of the class of 1919, and Rev. R. C. Holland, of the class of 1921. These were warm friends of the institution and their loss is deeply regretted.

The Corporation is constituted at present as follows:

1917—Rev. J. L. Sieber, Rev. Paul Sieg, Mr. J. F. Clemmer, Mr. J. H. Marsteller, Mr. I. V. Yonce.

1918—Rev. C. K. Hunton, Rev. M. M. Kinard, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. E. A. Shenk (removed), Mr. H. D. Derrick.

1919—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Rev. J. E. Shenk (deceased), Rev. W. H. Roof, Mr. J. P. Gose.

1920—Mr. H. S. Trout, Mr. R. W. Kime, Mr. H. F. Scheele, Rev. J. H. Wilson, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers.

1921—Mr. G. W. Tompkins, Mr. C. Markley, Mr. J. E. Cooper, Mr. J. W. Eberly, Rev. R. C. Holland (deceased).

It will be necessary to nominate three men to fill the vacnacies in classes 1918, 1919, 1921, and five men for each of the classes 1922 and 1923. The Superintendent, J. T. Crabtree, has been very efficient and has been reelected annually.

Pursuant to the resolutions passed by the Synod at its last meeting, the Corporation at its annual meeting in June, 1915, elected the following committee: Rev. J. Luther Sieber, Mr. Ivan V. Yonce, Mr. C. B. Strickler, Rev. C. K. Hunton, Mr. R. W. Kime, Mr. G. W. Tompkins and Mr. J. H. Marsteller, to make the investigations called for and to submit to the next annual meeting such recommendations as seemed to them best in the premises.

At the annual meeting held June 12, 1916, the aforementioned committee submitted a unanimous report. After careful consideration of the several items of the report the Corporation took the following action, subject to the ratification of the Synod:

1. That a new location on a much larger tract of land be procured for the Home, so that at least seventy-five acres of land shall be available for its use.

2. The matter as to the selection and purchase of additional ground for the Home and for the financing of the same be and is hereby left to the committee heretofore elected, with Superintendent J. T. Crabtree added thereto, with full power to act.

3. That the old building on Floral street belonging to the Home be used temporarily, at least, as a home for the larger boys according to the action already taken by the Board.

4. That facilities for industrial or manual training in the following lines be provided as soon as practicable: General farming, fruit-raising (both large and small fruits), poultry-raising, dairying, gardening, carpentry, cabinet, machine, shoe, paint and tin shop work, plumbing and electrical work, home economics, including sewing, cooking, sanitation, nursing, house decoration, laundry work, and such other lines as it may be desirable to introduce.

In obedience to these resolutions the committee secured options upon land sufficient to increase the real estate of the Home to seventy-five or more acres. Through a sub-committee the permission of the Executive Committee of the Synod to proceed with the undertaking was sought. The Executive Committee advised the submission of the matter to the Synod at its approaching meeting but gave permission to the Corporation "to solicit conditional subscriptions for the development of the work subject to any change the United Synod may make in the plans suggested by the Corporation."

Complying with the advice of the Executive Committee, the special committee of the Corporation issued a circular describing the tracts of land upon which options had been taken, their proximity to the property now owned and to the town of Salem, and asking for subscriptions towards the purchase of the same Copies of said circular and of the report of the special committee

to the Corporation and of the action of the Executive Committee are herewith submitted.

In case the Synod approves the plans of the special committee of the Corporation, the Corporation should be authorized to sell or exchange any or all of its present holdings whenever it can be done advantageously.

The resources of the Home in addition to its present real estate holdings are: Endowment, $10,000; cotton mill stock, par value $800; 7 shares of bank stock, par value $100; land notes, $3,726; the Capt. J. C. Seegers bequest $5,000 which carries interest at five per cent. until paid.

The entire indebtedness amounts to $2,523.23. There are some unpaid subscriptions on the Property Fund that amount to $1,023.23.

The number of children cared for during the past biennium has averaged about 100. The number in the Home at the last meeting of the corporation was 106, of whom 58 were from Virginia, 21 from North Carolina, 16 from West Virginia, 6 from South Carolina and 5 from Georgia. Fifty of these were boys and fifty-six were girls.

We have suffered no epidemic though we had several cases of serious illness during the past summer. The matron, Mrs. M. D. Davis, after six and a half years of faithful service, fell a victim to typhoid fever. Several of the children also had fever but by careful nursing these recovered.

Pastor Hunton of College Church deserves the thanks of the Church for his faithful catechization of the children. As a result, ten of the children have been confirmed each year.

The school work has been carried on successfully. One of the girls graduated in music from Elizabeth College in 1915 and two others pursued courses in the same institution, both last session and this. The Home has a boy or two in Roanoke College nearly every session. These institutions give free tuition to the children.

Although it has not been possible, for lack of room, to receive more children into the Home, yet the expense of caring for those who have been received has steadily increased. In 1914-15 the cost per month for a child was $6.80. In 1915-16 it was $8.23, an increase of more than twenty per cent. This year will probably witness a still greater percentage of increase. Through the generous support extended the Home by the Church it has so far been able to meet these increased expenses. The way is not easy, always the upgrade, but this is the challenge.

PAUL SIEG, President.

The Committee on District Synods reported. Report was adopted:

No. 21.

Report of Committee on District Synods.

During the last biennium, faithful and conscientious work has been done by the ministers of the several Synods, in the preaching of the Gospel of our blessed Saviour, baptizing the children, catechizing and confirming the young, regularly administering the Lord's Supper, watching and guiding their flocks in the way of all truth.

Concerning the attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, according to reports, ours is a church-going people who love God's Word and the preaching of the Gospel.

Deserving special commendation is the interest manifested in the work of the Sunday school. With a large per cent. of the membership of the congregations enrolled in the Sunday school, we are assured of a laity not ignorant of the Holy Scriptures.

We note with pleasure, the increased interest in benevolence, and the growing interest in missions among our laymen, women, young people and children.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement continues to be a splendid force in arousing interest and activity in the benevolent and general work of our laymen.

Along all lines, the District Synods have made commendable progress. This, indeed, is most hopeful sign. But with the increasing demands and greater opportunities, comes the call for a fuller and a more thorough consecration of the means that God has entrusted to us as His stewards.

We suggest that the several District Synods make the next biennium, which includes the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a jubilee year during which redoubled efforts be made to liquidate all outsanding obligations both in the local and general work, and to meet in full, the apportionment of the District Synods and the United Synod.

Education is receiving increased attention. The increased enrollment of students in most of our institutions and several handsome new buildings for our young women, indicate the high degree of interest our people are taking in Christian and higher education.

We note the following resolution adopted by the Synod of Southwestern Virginia at its 1915 convention:

"*Resolved,* That it shall be the duty of each congregation to make a canvass of its members for definite subscriptions to ascertain just what amount it will promise to the Synod for the following

synodical year; that these amounts shall be reported to the Secretary of Synod each consecutive year prior to the annual convention of Synod, and that on these amounts the Synod shall base its annual appropriations."

Also a like resolution in force in the Synod of South Carolina. We recommend the adoption by all of our District Synods of a plan of similar principle.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. BROWN,
J. J. SCHERER,
H. A. KISTLER,
J. M. KINSER,
A. P. SNYDER.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Home Missions was presented and considered by items. Pending its consideration, several members having resigned, final action was postponed until the Synod's earnest request that they withdraw their resignations be heard from.

The report of the Board of Lowman Home was submitted, and referred to the Committee on Lowman Home.

The Committee on the Report of the Board of Publication presented its report, which was adopted:

No. 22.
(See Report No. 9.)

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Publication.

Your committee takes pleasure in commending the clear, brief, but comprehensive report of the Board of Publication. Since this paper regularly becomes a part of the minutes, it is unnecessary to present here a summary of its contents. However, it is the judgment of the committee that the work of the Board evidences increasing efficiency and usefulness. The enterprise of the Boards in the publication of new books is especially gratifying. That this department of work for the production and distribution of Christian literature may be further developed is of the very greatest importance to the Church and the world.

It is recommended:

1. That, in harmony with the suggestion of the Joint Quadricentennial Committee, the earnest effort be made by our Board, pastors, and people to place the *Lutheran Church Visitor* in every Lutheran home in the South by the year 1917, and that similar interest be taken in extending the usefulness of *Tidings* by increasing its circulation.

2. That as a matter of loyalty to our own and of good business, the patronage of the Publication House of this body, both in the purchase of supplies for Sunday schools and churches and in the awarding of contracts for printing, be made the rule in the United Synod. This action is necessary because the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings* are furnished to our people considerably below actual cost and the books and printing departments are the only sources of net income for the Board of Publication to cover deficits.

3. That, since the Board of Publication has no working capital and is therefore dependent upon its income from subscriptions, sales, etc., to meet current bills, the duty and necessity of the prompt and full payment of all obligations to our Publication House be recognized and urged upon congregations, pastors and people.

4. That the recommendation that the electrotyped plates of the hymns of the old Book of Worship be turned over to the Board of Publication to be disposed of at their discretion be adopted.

5. That the following be elected members of the Board of Publication for the ensuing biennium: Geo. B. Cromer, P. C. Price, A. H. Kohn, Rev. W. P. Cline, D. F. Efird, J. V. Sutton, S. J. Derrick and Rev. J. L. Cromer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOREHEAD,
E. A. REPASS,
L. L. LOHR,
L. A. FOX,
T. W. SHEALY,
J. M. RHODES,
A. M. HANNA.

The Committee on Theological Seminary reported, which was considered by item. Pending its consideration Synod adjourned to reconvene at 2 p. m., today.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Deaton.

NINTH SESSION.

Monday, November 13, 1916, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod was called to order, and led in prayer by Rev. J. J. Scherer, Sr.

The pending report on the Theological Seminary was taken up and adopted, the nominees of the Board being elected:

No. 23.

Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary

Our Theological Seminary is the United Synod's answer to the great cry for more ministers. This Institution is central, fundamental, absolutely essential in the maintenance and progress of all our work. Our faithfulness and success in operating this "school of the prophets" is a fair measure of the loyalty and work of our Southern Lutheran Church.

Your Committee has before it for consideration the report of the Board of Directors covering the last biennium.

We note that the attendance for the last two sessions was twenty-eight—nine less than that of the two sessions of the previous biennium. We are gratified that the attendance at present is twenty. Your Committee suggests that this Synod urge our District Synods, our ministers, our colleges and our people to be more active and loyal in their efforts to encourage young men to enter the ministry and to seek their theological training in our own Seminary.

We regret to note that the indebtedness on our Seminary, which is $20,850, has not been reduced any during the biennium, and that $9,222.99 of the subscription bonds and pledges have not been paid, and that a considerable amount of interest remains unpaid. A most discouraging feature of the Directors' report is the fact that most of the District Synods have not kept faith with their Seminary by paying promptly and fully their part of the $2,500 pledged to the current expense fund, thus setting a most unfortunate example for the congregations and individual members and most seriously hampering the work. The very life of our Seminary depends upon faithfulness here. It is most imperative that each District Synod pay its pledge promptly and fully even if it must borrow a part of it.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the effort to secure funds with which to pay interest due be pressed to early completion and that those congregations which have not responded be urged to do so at once.

2. That the plan of the directors to raise $50,000 with which to pay off the debt on the Seminary building and the Professor's house be approved and recommended to the favorable consideration of our people, and that the outline of this plan be published in our minutes.

3. That the Directors' plan for securing student scholarships from synods, congregations, Sunday schools, and individuals be approved, and that they be authorized to secure and administer such scholarships upon the plan proposed.

4. That the President of each District Synod be urgently requested to see to it that his synod pay promptly and fully its pledge to the current expense fund of our Seminary.

5. That the following constitute the Board of Directors for the ensuing biennium: Revs. M. O. J. Kreps, M. G. G. Scherer, A. R. Beck, J. H. Wilson, J. W. Horine, C. A. Freed, J. L. Morgan, F. B. Clausen, and Messrs. J. F. Ficken, C. M. Efird, Geo. B. Cromer, J. D. Capplemann, A. H. Kohn, W. T. Stauffer and J. V. Sutton.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. FRITZ,
G. S. BOWERS,
T. W. SHEALY,
M. J. EPTING,
J. H. MARSTELLER.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was taken up and adopted as a whole. The nominees were elected:

No. 24.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee appointed to examine and recommend to Synod the items requiring action in the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod begs to submit the following:

1. That on account of the bitter hostilities among the nations of the East, the disturbed industrial conditions of the homeland, and the great loss to the Board and to the cause in the death of the Rev. Dr. Holland, the Board has been confronted by many unusual problems, but has very successfully maintained the work, and is, therefore, entitled to receive the grateful commendations of the Synod, and we so recommend.

2. We recommend that the printed report of the Board as submitted to this body be incorporated with the Minutes of this Convention.

3. We recommend that the United Synod adopt, as its official tribute to the late Dr. Holland, the chaste sketch of his life and the loving estimate and appreciation of his worth and character as formulated by the Board, and that an appropriately marked page of the printed Minutes of this Convention be reserved for the said tribute, and that, upon the adoption of this item, the Synod pause for prayer in behalf of the Foreign Mission cause.

4. That as a temporary arrangement we recommend the approval of the Board's action in separating the offices of President and General Secretary of the Board, but that, in the judgment of your Committee, the best interest of our field in Japan

require the return of Dr. Brown to that work upon the expiration of his present furlough.

5. That we rejoice on account of the unusual number of students in our schools in Japan and the proof of the sincere interest of the native Christians as shown in their contributions of $1.60 per capita, in the consecrated zeal of our missionaries and in the abundant evidence of God's favor upon our work.

6. That we hereby commend the friends of the Foreign Mission cause who have provided special gifts and bequests for the advancement of the work during the past biennium, and that we endeavor to persuade others thus to encourage this important cause.

7. That we approve item No. 1, page 18, of the Report as follows:

1. That the United Synod, in order to prevent any retrenchment in Japan and to insure, if possible, normal growth in the work of the Mission, apportion among the several District Synods the sum of $25,000 annually, during the next biennium, exclusive of the distinctively woman's work supported by the women, and the erection of new buildings not already provided for in whole or in part.

Also item No. 2:

2. That the United Synod authorize a campaign to raise $50,000 as our Quadricentennial contribution to foreign missions and in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Japan Mission, said fund to be called the Robert C. Holland Fund and to be applied:

a) To the liquidation of all outstanding indebtedness of the Board.

b) To the erection of necessary new buildings for the school and for the general work.

c) To other serious needs of the work in the judgment of the Board requiring immediate attention.

9. That item 3, page 18 of the Report, as follows, be approved:

3. That Epiphany season be designated especially as Foreign Mission Festival to be observed in all our congregations, and that "April Japan Day" be recognized as the season for special emphasis and study in our Sunday schools in behalf of the mission cause in Japan.

10. That touching the manuscript item of the Report as follows: "Resolved, That it is the sense of the retiring Board that the Board of Foreign Missions should be constituted hereafter purely with reference to efficiency without regard to District Synodical representation," we resolve that:

We recognize the impracticability of the present method of creating the Board of Foreign Missions, and that, therefore, any

and all our former action thereon be hereby repealed, and that we approve the Board's recommendation as above stated, but that at least four of the District Synods be represented on the Board.

11. That as touching the Board's manuscript item No. 2 as follows: "Resolved, That the United Synod is hereby requested to construe its former action concerning the ordination of Japanese candidates for the Ministry (see printed Minutes 1914, pp. 32 (4) and 86), That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to ordain to the gospel ministry such native evangelists as our Mission in Japan may recommend for ordination, and whose qualifications shall be found adequate,"—we recommend that the above action be rescinded, and that our missionaries in Japan be instructed to organize themselves into a Conference, and that upon the recommendation of said Conference to any District Synod of the United Synod authority to ordain be given.

12. We recommend for election to the Board of Foreign Missions the following: Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D., Rev. W. A. Deaton, D.D., Rev. Ewd. Fulenwider, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr., Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D., Mr. J. E. Cooper, Mr. H. L. Bonham.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. GONGAWARE,
A. G. VOIGT,
J. J. SCHERER,
J. A. HUFFARD,
J. V. SUTTON,
W. F. ABERLY,
J. H. C. HUITT.

The Special Committee on the papers from Elizabeth College reported. The report was adopted.

No. 25.

Report on Offer of Elizabeth College.

The matter referred to your committee is a proposition from Elizabeth College located at Salem, Va., to transfer said college to this body to be owned and controlled by it in the future. This proposition is supported by overtures from the two synods, viz: the Virginia and Southwestern Virginia, now owning the institution. Other papers of necessary character accompany the proposition. This offer of transfer is made in compliance with a condition made by Rev. C. B. King, D.D., at the time when he presented certain valuable gifts and considerations to Roanoke Woman's College.

Said condition reads as follows: "That the proposed institution be offered to the United Synod of the Lutheran Church at its next

meeting, to be owned and permanently managed by the United Synod."

Your committee has carefully considered this attractive proposition and are deeply appreciative of the same and also of what it would mean to our United Synod to own such an institution for the education of our young women; and we heartily commend it to the attention and support of all our people. But in view of our present educational and financial conditions it is our conviction that it is inexpedient for this body at this time to accept this proposition and assume the ownership of said College.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
GEO. B. CROMER,
J. LUTHER SIEBER,
J. V. SUTTON,
JNO. A. CLINE.

The Committee on Fraternal Cooperation submitted its report, which was adopted, the last item by a rising vote.

No. 26

Report of Committee on Fraternal Cooperation.

The Committee on Fraternal Cooperation with other general bodies of the Lutheran Church has been mainly occupied during the past biennium with activities of the Joint Quadricentennial Committee in maturing plans and organizing means for the suitable celebration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in 1917.

The General or Joint Quadricentennial Committee comprehends the individual official committees of seven general bodies, including the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod, South. The Joint Committee was organized by the election of Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D, Chairman, Rev. J. A. Morehead, Secretary, and Hon. John L. Zimmerman, Treasurer. An Executive Cimmittee was also appointed and Sub-committees on Literature and Publicity, Public Meetings, and Finance. These committees have had frequent meetings and it is believed that they are accomplishing much toward making the Celebration of the Quadricentennial adequate by maturing plans and making available material and men for the use of the whole Church.

One of the most important measures of the Joint Committee was the establishment of a Central Bureau at 925 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and the election of Rev. H. R. Gold as Executive Secretary. This Central Bureau, with Mr. Gold in charge and an office force under him, has been in operation during the

greater part of the current year. Here are available for pastors and people suggestions regarding Reformation literature, brief stories or articles about the Reformation to promote publicity, uniform programs, medals, names and subjects of available lecturers, authorized slides and matter for illustrated lectures, and other valuable material and information.

The Finance Committee of the Joint Committee has learned that at least $12,000 will be required to meet the necessary expenses of the bureau, the Executive Secretary and the subcommittees. It is proposed to ask leading laymen of the Church to underwrite this amount by giving $100 each toward financing this notable enterprise of the Church. The proportionate part of the United Synod is the sum of $2,000. It is the earnest and confident hope of your Committee that the laymen of the United Synod may not fail to assume their share of this important work of the American Lutheran Church. Checks should be drawn to the order of Mr. E. Clarence Miller, Chairman of Finance Committee, 314 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

It is the purpose of the Joint Committee to summarize all Quadricentennial Memorial funds, raised by general bodies and district synods for missionary and educational purposes during this period, and report the total as the contribution of the American Lutheran Church. The various branches of the Church of the Reformation in America have undertaken to raise $10,000,000 as the Quadricentennial Memorial Fund. Your Committee suggests that your Committee to Superintend Raising Quadricentennial Fund be continued.

In harmony with action of the Joint Quadricentennial Committee, we recommend:

1. That district synods, cities and communities where several Lutheran Churches exist, and congregations arrange suitable celebrations, jointly when practicable, during the Quadricentennial year, October 31, 1916, to October 31, 1917, with a view to transmitting the more faithfully the heritage of the everlasting gospel for the transformation of the Twentieth Century.

2. That the United Synod hold about October 31, 1917, at a place to be decided upon, a special Quadricentennial Convention for the purpose of celebrating suitably the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation and, with the participation of delegations from other general bodies, of considering the problems of common interest to all American Lutherans with a view to closer cooperation and union.

3. That the General Synod, the General Council, and other bodies be invited through and at the discretion of the United Synod for discussion and action touching common interests on the basis of existing inner unity with a view to closer union and cooperation.

4. That a delegation of seven, of which the regularly elected fraternal delegate or alternate shall be chairman, and a similar number of alternates be appointed to represent this body at the 1917 conventions of the General Synod, the General Council, and any other bodies that may desire such delegations.

5. That the idea of holding in the city of Washington in the year 1918 a national Reformation Conservation Congress be approved.

6. That the United Synod endorse the action of the Joint Committee in emphasizing the importance of placing our *Lutheran Church Visitor* in every home.

7. That the Committee on Fraternal Cooperation to care for Quadricentennial interests of the United Synod in relation to other general bodies be continued.

Your Committee records with very great pleasure the fact that our Board of Publication will make an important contribution to the Quadricentennial by bringing out the "Biblical Dogmatics," the fruit of the mature scholarship of its author, Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D., Dean of our Lutheran Theological Seminary at Columbia.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
L. A. FOX,
W. H. GREEVER,
E. C. CRONK,
A. G. VOIGT,
W. HOPPE.

The Committee on President's Report submitted its report, which was considered by items and adopted.

No. 27.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The President has submitted a most comprehensive and suggestive report. The question propounded relative to the achievements of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as she is rounding out these four hundred years, are pertinent and searching, and may well be seriously pondered by all who love her and labor for her prosperity.

1. With reference to the statement of the President concerning the problems of world interest which will confront the Church upon the restoration of peace among the nations now at war, we would urge the careful study of these problems, from the positive Chris-

tian standpoint, as they may be presented and discussed from time to time in such publications as our official church papers, and the *American Lutheran Survey.*

2. While we are filled with grave concern over the divided state of the Mother Church of Prostestantism, it is, however, a matter of the greater gratification to note the tangible evidence presented by our President of what seems to be a decided trend toward the unification of the synods and general bodies which confess the same faith and bear the same family name. This body manifestly stands ready to contribute its share towards unity of fellowship in word and sacrament on the basis of the common faith which we confess. As a practical exhibition of this spirit, we recommend (a) that a commission on Federation be continued, in cooperation with the Committee on Fraternal Cooperation, and (b) that this commission be authorized to arrange for a series of conferences, beginning in 1917, to be participated in by chosen representatives of such Lutheran bodies as will participate with us in definite cooperative and constructive work.

3. The President calls attention to the large body of Lutheran literature of permanent value called forth, in diverse forms, in connection with the Quadricentennial year of the Reformation, and the wisdom of making provision for its wide dissemination. We would recommend (a) that ceaseless effort be made by our Board of Publication to accomplish this end by every possible agency, and would express our heartiest approval of the practical aim to place the *Lutheran Church Visitor* in every home in every one of our congregations by 1917.

That the President appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to prepare tracts, or to secure their preparation, or the permission to use existing tracts, dealing with subjects connected with the Quadricentennial of the Reformation, and to solicit funds for the publication of such tracts and their *free* distribution.

(b). It is also recommended that the President be authorized to request the Joint Quadricentennial Committee to compile an index of select literature bearing upon the Reformation movement.

4. Considering the new and interesting development in the last few years in the realm of synodical administration, as noted by our President, we recommend that a standing committee on Church Polity be appointed, in the interest of concerted progress and efficiency, whose duty it shall be to study the general subject of church administration, and review the development occurring in this field. and report to this body what they may deem worthy of Synod's consideration.

5. We would recommend that a committee of three laymen be appointed to secure, by private enterprise, if it be found possible and practicable, a suitable resort for Lutherans in the South, at least for the summer of 1917, for the purpose indicated by the President.

6. The President makes mention of the death of the Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D. It is recommended that a committee be appointed to prepare, for insertion in our minutes, a suitable memorial to this honored brother who was for so long a time most closely indentified with the aggressive work of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. BELL,
E. FULENWIDER,
I. D. WORMAN,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
R. F. BOWE,
J. H. MARSTELLER,
JOHN A. CLINE.

The report on Home Missions was taken up and adopted.

No. 28.

Report of Committee on Report of Home Mission Board.

There was placed in the hands of your Committee the report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, covering the last biennium, together with an appeal from the council of the church in Birmingham, Ala., and the official correspondence of the President of this body relative to work within the bounds of our District Synods.

The Board held nine meetings with uniformly good attendance and faithful attention to the problems and possibilities of the work. Due care has been exercised in considering the various appeals presented. The limited available income has made it impossible to enter a number of inviting fields. One mission declared itself self-supporting and the hope is expressed that a number of these may attain sufficient strength to declare themselves independent of financial aid in the near future. The fiinancial report shows larger returns than for any previous biennium.

It is with pleasure that we note the generous interest of Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Beck in donating to the Board property located at Lexington, N. C., valued at $250, and also the bequest from

the estate of Mrs. Charlotte E. Lupton, Winchester, Va., of $1,782.68.

We are pleased to notice the progress made in securing the $50,000 as a Permanent Loan Fund and commend this endeavor of the Board in the hope that it may be brought to completion as part of the Quadricentennial Celebration of 1917.

Your Committee would recommend:

1. That we approve of the acts of the Board in designating Septuagesima Sunday as the day in which the claims of the Gospel ministry be presented to our people and also the agreement with the Foreign Mission Board, adopting the suggestion of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, looking toward the contribution of the income of one day from the membership of the Church as a special thankoffering for the cause of missions during the year 1917.

2. That the sum of $25,000 per annum be apportioned to the District Synods for the work of the Board during the next biennium.

3. That the Board be authorized to employ one or more field missionaries in order to meet the need of caring for and gathering our scattered Lutherans in territory needing special attention.

4. The Board recommends a plan by which the principle of unification adopted by the various District Synods may become operative. The plan is that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, in conjunction with a representative from each District Synod involved, formulate the details under which the mission of the said District Extension of the United Synod, and adopt rules and regulations governing the conduct of the work upon the territory of the said District Synods. We recommend the adoption of their recommendation.

5. An appeal from the council of the congregation in Birmingham, Ala., requesting the privilege of raising $15,000 from the congregations of this body for the purpose of establishing the work and the erection of a church building, came into the hands of the Board after their last meeting and was referred to your committee. In view of the facts presented showing this need so imperative, we recommend that their request be granted according to the terms proposed, and carried out under the directions of the Board.

6. The sentiment is abroad that the interests of this cause would be promoted by a more general representation of the District Synods. Attention has been given this feeling in the formation of the new Board. Your Committee recommends that the following persons be elected to constitute the Board of Home Mission and Church Extension: Revs. C. K. Bell, A. D. R.

Hancher, J. C. Seegers, J. L. Sieber, T. W. Shealy, and Messrs. J. H. Rehder and B. B. Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. FREED,
W. A. DEATON,
W. H. RISER,
H. N. MILLER,
H. L. SNYDER,
H. L. BONHAM,
A. B. GREINER.

The report of the Committee on Board of Education was presented and considered by items. Pending its consideration the Synod took up the question of the place and time of the Quadricentennial meeting of this body.

The Place—Salisbury, N. C.
The Time—About October 31, 1917.

Synod adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock tonight.

TENTH SESSION.

Monday, November 13, 1916, 8 P. M.

Synod was called to order and led in prayer by Rev. D. I. Offman.

Roanoke, Va., was chosen as the place of our next biennial convention, and Tuesday before the third Sunday in November, 1918, the time.

The pending report of the Committee on the Report of the Board of Education was taken up and adopted:

No. 29.

Report of Committee on Report of Board of Education

The Report of the Board of Education gives a most satisfactory presentation of the work done during the past biennium. It shows that the Board has been in close touch with all of the colleges and other educational institutions of the Synod, and extended to them all possible cooperation. The Report shows, also that this Board has been most active in promoting, as far as possible, the great cause of education within our bounds.

We recommend the following:

1. That the acts of the Board be approved.

2. That the sum of one cent per member be apportioned the Synods for the work of the Board each year, as is requested.

3. That the United Synod reaffirm its resolution regarding the last Sunday in May of each year as Education Sunday, on which day special sermons should be preached, services held with the Sunday schools and offerings taken to meet the above apportionments.

4. That the following named persons constitute the Board of Education for the ensuing biennium: Revs. W. Hoppe, L. L. Lohr, J. W. Horine, W. H. Riser, and Drs. G. B. Cromer, and E. W. Peery and Mr. E. S. Dreher.

Respectfully submitted,

M. O. J. KREPS,
T. W. SHEALY,
B. S. BROWN,
E. J. SOX,
W. T. STAUFFER,
H. P. LUTZ.

On motion, the Treasurer of this Synod was instructed to pay the Secretary $50 for his services.

The Committee on Church Literature made its report, which was adopted:

No. 30.

Report of Committee on Church Literature.

We, your Committee on Church Literature, beg to submit the following:

The importance of good sound Lutheran literature in the hands of our people to offset that which is so often distributed free by other than our own, and which is often so destructive to Christian faith, remains an imperative need and should always have our prayerful consideration.

The time is opportune as we celebrate the Quadricentennial anniversary of the Reformation to press this vital matter. We urge that the use of books setting forth the Lutheran faith and life—doctrinal, historical and devotional—be emphasized and brought to the attention of our people by the pastors, and would suggest that our Board of Publication furnish from time to time a list of such books as may be had along these lines.

Your Committee notes the gratifying progress made by our pastors and Church Councils to place the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, the official organ of the United Synod, and *Tidings*, in every home of the United Synod and that they press the effort to a consummation. The importance of these periodicals in the development of all church work cannot be overestimated.

We note also another gratifying fact that uniform programs for the Woman's Missionary Societies and Mission Study classes of the three general bodies for the Quadricentennial anniversary of the Reformation are being printed by our Board of Publication in Columbia.

We call attention to the *American Lutheran Survey* as one of the leading religious periodicals of our country. It is an important factor for intensifying the loyalty of our people by giving them a broader vision of our Lutheran Church as a whole; by unifying our forces, by projecting our Reformation principles and practices to the whole Christian world. Therefore we commend it to our pastors and people as worthy of their loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. D. KINARD,
J. F. CRIGLER,
J. L. CROMER,
T. B. EPTING,
J. H. REHDER,
G. B. MOREHEAD,
T. G. RYDINGSVARD.

The following resolutions were adopted:

No. 31.

Resolved; 1. That the Executive Committee be authorized to prepare a guide for the next Convention of this body, arranging the business of this Convention and indicating the time when reports shall be presented.

2. That all Boards be required to have their reports printed and have copies of the same in the hands of the President at least one week in advance of the meeting of the United Synod.

3. That the President, prior to the convening of this body, appoint committees from the list of accredited delegates, to consider all printed reports so that the reports of these committees may be considered by the Body early in its session.

The Committee on Minutes of Last Convention reported. The report was adopted:

No. 32.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

On page 71, Item 1, in the Report of the Committee on President's Report, the Standing Committee on Common Sunday School Literature, had referred to it the matter of a uniform

plan for the improvement of Sunday schools, to be suggested to the District Synods by the United Synod. Has this Committee formulated its report? *Yes.*

On page 72, Item 3, President's Report, a committee was appointed to investigate the matter of ministerial support, and report a definite recommendation to this convention. Has this been done? *Yes.*

On page 72, Item 4, President's Report, a special committee was appointed to propose action at this Convention with reference to the attitude of the United Synod toward work among the Negro race in the South. Has this Committee complied? *Yes.*

On page 73, Items 3 and 5, Report of Committee on Fraternal Cooperation, a committee was appointed to superintend the raising of three-quarters of a million dollars as a Quadricentennial Reformation Fund for the various causes of the Church. Has this Committee a report? *Yes.*

On page 79, Item 4, Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions, a representative was appointed to cooperate with representatives of other Lutheran bodies to arrange for a free conference of Lutherans in the United States. Has our representative any report to make? *Committee has made report.*

On page 79, Item 5, a committee was appointed to make alterations in the blank form for statistical reports for congregations. Has this been done? *Yes.*

On page 98, in the report of the Committee on Plan for the Unification of Home Mission Work, the report was referred to the District Synods for action and report at this meeting of Synod. What action has been taken by the District Synods? *Favorable action has been taken by all the Synods.*

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. SCHAEFFER, JR.,
P. E. MONROE,
S. T. SHANK,
A. E. WALTMAN.

The following report on "Conference of Lutherans" was adopted:

No. 33.

Report of Representative on a Conference of Lutherans.

Your representative begs leave to report that during the past biennium none of the General Bodies has taken any steps towards the holding of another Conference of Lutherans.

A. G. VOIGT.

The Committee on Book of Worship and Common Service Book reported. The report was adopted.

No. 34.

Report of Committee on Book of Worship and Common Service Book.

At the last Convention of the United Synod report was made of the agreement entered into with the Board of Publication in regard to the royalty on Books of Worship, which provides that from April 1, 1914, three per cent. of the selling price of all styles of the Book shall be paid into the treasury of the United Synod. (Minutes 1914, page 103.) The chairman of your committee several weeks ago called the attention of Business Manager of the Board of Publication to this agreement. The contract calls for no report to this committee of sales of the Book of Worship. But the report of the Board of Publication will doubtless give to the United Synod the information on this subject which it should receive.

The work which fell to your committee since its last report was rendered has been entirely in connection with the Common Book in preparation in conjunction with other bodies. There have been a number of meetings of the Joint Committee of the three general bodies and frequent meetings of sub-committees. At most of these meetings your committee has been represented by at least one member, if not several.

Two years ago your committee was able to report the prospect of the completion of the Common Book before another convention of this body. That anticipation has been realized. Now it is our privilege and pleasure to report the completion of the Book and the preparation of plates from which it is to be printed. This is not the place to record the labors of the Joint Committee nor even to recite them in brief outline. But it is the duty of your committee to bear testimony to the great amount of painstaking labor and of expert knowledge in liturgics, hymnology and music which have gone into the preparation of this book, and also to the harmony, earnestness and Christian deference which characterized the discussions and conclusions of the Joint Committee. The completion of this Common Book after so many years of labor marks the consummation of the desire and request of the United Synod expressed more than twenty years ago at the convention held in Staunton in 1895 looking to "the securement of a Common Book of Service throughout, including liturgy, ministerial acts and hymns." (Minutes 1895, page 44.) More

than this has been accomplished, for the new book has also common music both for the service and the hymns.

A report of the methods and results of the work of the Joint Committee in detail will not be expected here. But some features of the book as completed should be brought to your notice. The title adopted is *Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church, authorized* by (names of the bodies). An editorial committee has been elected to prepare the book for publication. All editions of the book shall be printed from common plates. The book is not in any sense a perfecting of our present Book of Worship, the hymnal of which (you will remember) is only a proof copy of the unfinished hymnal, printed by special concession of the Joint Committee. It is a new book. The Common Service, the text of which, as agreed upon by the original committee, as found in our Book of Worship, has been revised and slightly altered. The arrangement of the parts of the Common Service is different. The provisional copy of the hymnal, which by courtesy the United Synod was permitted to print for its use, has been so altered by addition and subtraction that a new hymnal was produced. It is not necessary to say that new orders for ministerial acts were prepared. The music edition will be issued first, and it is hoped that it may appear by next Easter. Text editions will follow.

When the book was ready for publication steps were taken by the Joint Committee towards that end. Representatives of the Board of Publication of the General Council, the Publication Society of the General Synod and the Board of Publication of the United Synod were invited to meet with the Editorial Committee of the Joint Committee. The Joint meeting was held on December 13, 1915, our Publication Board being represented. Negotiations were entered into with the F. H. Gilson Company of Boston for the preparation of key-plates. At a subsequent joint meeting of the same parties, but our Board of Publication not being represented, conclusive action was taken in regard to key-plates. The following agreement was made at the "Joint Meeting of the Editorial Committee of the Joint Committee with representatives from the Publication Board of the General Council and the Hymn Book Publication Committee of the General Synod" on May 2, 1916.

AGREEMENT.

"That the General Council Board of Publication and the Lutheran Publication Society make the contract and collect one-seventh of the cost of the plates from the United Synod of the South, the key-plates to remain in possession of the F. H. Gilson Company until the entire completion of the work. After electro-

types have been made therefrom, the said key-plates shall be deposited in the vaults of some responsible Trust Company to be selected jointly by the Joint Committee and the two Boards entering into the contract, to be held in mutal control for the mutual purposes of the said Joint Committee, the said two Boards and the Publication Board of the United Synod of the South, and access to the same to be had only by joint action of the said Joint Committee and two of the three Boards interested in the said plates.

"In turn we understand that the two Boards shall cooperate with the Joint Committee in the supervision and control of the key-plates, but in cases of irreconcilable difference the Editorial Committee shall have the final decision, and the said Boards, together with the Board of Publication of the United Synod of the South, shall have the sole privilege of making printing plates at any time."

It will not be out of place here for correctness of record to note the error in this instrument in the title of this body. It is called "the United Synod of the South." Our legal title is "United Synod in the South."

Attention is also called to the fact that our Publication Board is not a party to this agreement, but the United Synod itself, although provision is made for our Board of Publication to have access to the key-plates, should the United Synod decide at any time to have its own printing plates made.

Your committee through its representative entered into this agreement on behalf of the United Synod. The following record will explain the action of the committee. At its last convention the United Synod adopted the following resolution:

"In view of the probable completion of the labors of the Joint Committee before the next meeting of the United Synod and the consequent need of money to pay for the printing of a proof copy of the complete book, the Synod provide for this contingency and authorize the payment of our proportionate part of such expense, as may be agreed upon by the Joint Committee."

On this authority your committee acted, not however without careful mutual consideration by correspondence and not without the approving judgment of the Executive Committee first obtained.

Accordingly the United Synod is bound for one-seventh of the cost of the key-plates referred to. In order to complete the action of the United Synod last year to provide for this contingency we recommend that the Synod now take action to secure the funds necessary to meet this obligation when payment is called for, and if the money is not in the hands of the Treasurer, that the sum required be borrowed by the United Synod.

In the judgment of your committee it would not be wise for the United Synod at present to have its own electrotypes prepared and to undertake to issue its own editions of the Common Service Book. It will answer all present needs if arrangements are made with one or both of the Northern publishing concerns interested to obtain books from them. Therefore we recommend that the United Synod, reserving its right to publish separate editions of the Common Service Book when it shall deem it proper to do so, instructs its Committee on the Book of Worship and the Common Service Book to make such arrangements through the mediation of our Board of Publication for the sale of the Common Service Book in the territory of the United Synod as in its judgment shall best subserve the interests of the said Synod and the congregations in it.

It devolves upon us also to report the following resolution adopted at a meeting of the Joint Committee in May, 1915:

"Inasmuch as the original designation of the Church in the three œcumenical Creeds and in our Confessions is the "Holy Catholic Church," and in order to bring the liturgical usage of our Church into harmony with our time-honored confessional usage, this Joint Committee of the General Council, General Synod and United Synod requests these General Bodies to authorize the use of the word, "Catholic" instead "Christian" in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds: this change to be made only when adopted by the three bodies."

For information we state that the General Synod rejected the proposed change. (Minutes, 1915, page 163.) The General Council referred it to the synods for an expression of opinion. (Minutes 1915, page 261.)

We have another important resolution to submit for your consideration, which was drawn up by a sub-committee of the Joint Committee by its order. It is as follows:

"Deeply impressed with the necessity of guarding the future integrity of the Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church about to be published, the Joint Common Service Committee earnestly recommends to each of the three General Bodies represented in the Committee the adoption of the following or its equivalent:

"Whereas, it is most important that the three General Bodies which have cooperated in the preparation of the Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church should also unite in guarding the integrity of the book in all future editions, in order to carry out the purpose to secure for our churches a true Common Service Book; therefore

"*Resolved,* That this body agrees not to issue, or authorize the issue of any edition of the said Common Service Book which shall depart in any particular from the original first edition in content

or in general style and make-up, without the consent of all three of the cooperating General Bodies, or their official representatives."

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
E. C. CRONK,
L. A. FOX.

The report of the Committee on Christian Unity was received and adopted.

No. 35.

Report of Committee on Christian Unity.

The duties of this committee, which was created at the last Convention of this body, will be found on page 106 of the Minutes of 1914. The chief duty is to gather information in regard to the progress of Christian Unity in the world through the World Conference on Faith and Order, or any other movement with this high end in view, especially movements within the Lutheran Church in this country.

The World Conference on Faith and Order arranged a successful North American Preparatory Conference at Garden City, Long Island, January 4th to 6th, in which (as we learn from a church paper) were represented thirteen denominations, or more correctly, branches of denominations, among them the General Synod of the Lutheran Church. The sentiment of the Conference crystallized in a statement, the substance of which we here reproduce.

The call of the spirit of Christianity for a world conference is the call of Christ's love for a whole Church to save the whole world. The method is for each communion to think and to act in terms of the whole. The fundamental problems of unity are related to these subjects: 1. The Church, its nature and functions. 2. The catholic creeds. 3. Grace and the sacraments. 4. The ministry. 5. Subject to these primary subjects are three practical questions: a) A clergy that may be regarded as regular by all. b) Intercommunion of believers. c) Sufficient administrative coordination.

From this statement it is evident that the underlying idea of unity in this Conference was that of the Protestant Episcopal Church. As the movement had its origin in that communion and receives its fostering care chiefly from it, this is natural.

If there have been any other movements of this character during the last biennium, they have escaped our notice. The Federal Council of Churches may be passed by as not being a movement

in Church Unity, but in practical cooperation, especially in social work. But we desire to give emphasis to an enterprise of united Christian effort, the importance of which has been stressed in our own church papers. We refer to the Panama Congress, which met February 10th to 19th of this year. It was a Congress on Christian Work in Latin America, in which fourteen denominations were represented. Five Lutheran delegates were present, three from the General Council and two from the General Synod. This was not an effort to bring about Christian Unity. But such free cooperation among Christian workers from different bodies in the great world-problems that confront Christianity will probably bring the divided portions of Christianity together more effectually than projects of Christian union.

In our own household of the faith in this country one auspicious healing of a long-standing division has been effected in the union of the several Norwegian bodies. Rejoicing in the union of the Norwegian Synod, the United Norwegian Church and the Hauge Synod, which is to be consummated in the coming Reformation Quadricentennial year, we note with sadness the latest information that this union may possibly lead to a new schism.

A notable effort to bridge over the divisions in the Lutheran Church in this country emanated from the Joint Synod of Ohio in 1914. In response to a call issued by the Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D.D., President of the body named, a meeting of fifteen presidents of synods or their substitutes was held in Toledo on April 14, 1915, at which a tentative constitution for a Federation of Lutheran Churches in the United States was approved. The president of one of our own district synods, Rev. C. K. Hunton, President of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, participated in this meeting. We have not learned of any further developments from this promising beginning.

As a gratifying concluding paragraph of this report we note that the action of this body at its last convention on federation, asking the appointment of commissions by the General Council, the General Synod and other bodies interested, was reported to the first named body, was favorably considered by it, and a commission on Lutheran Unity, consisting of the Executive Committee of the General Council, was appointed. We were not able to find anything on this subject in the Minutes of the last convention of the General Synod, whether this is due to oversight on our part or to failure of our action being reported to that body. However, the "historic spirit" of the General Synod, so suitably referred to in its favorable action on the Federation movement, that started from the Ohio Synod, also contains the promise that our feeling out for federation will meet with a

cordial response from the General Synod, when once our overture comes before that body, if it has not already met that response.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VOIGT,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
J. C. SEEGERS.

The following was also adopted:

No. 36.

Lutheran Federation in America.

Whereas, There appear to be movements, of varied origin, that are looking to the Federation of the Lutheran bodies of America, these movements having originated in earnest desires to attain more fraternal relations and more cooperation on the part of the Lutheran bodies of America:

Resolved, That the United Synod highly appreciates the fraternal spirit on the part of the Joint Synod of Ohio and others which has led to these movements; and further,

Resolved, That the representatives of the United Synod, on its appropriate Committees and Commission, be directed, at their discretion, to use their influence to have such movements directed and unified for the better accomplishment of the proposed federation and cooperative work, looking towards the ultimate unification of the Lutheran interests and bodies in our country.

On motion, the former Committee on Book of Worship and Common Service Book was appointed the Commission on Federation.

The report of Commission on Federation was received and adopted.

No. 37.

Report of Commission on Federation.

The Commission on Federation begs leave to report:

First. That it has been studiously mindful of the purpose of the United Synod in appointing it, and has carefully observed events and conditions relating to the subject of federation among Lutherans in America.

Second, That there has been noted a deep and almost universal desire for some outward and effective expression of inward unity.

Third, That, owing chiefly to steps taken by another of our Lutheran bodies very soon after the adjournment of the United Synod, it was deemed wise by your committee, in the interest of the very object for which it was appointed, to defer action and await developments until the convention of this body.

Fourth, It is noted with pleasure that the action of the United Synod on Federation at its last convention was reported to the General Council by its official visitor and was favorably received.

Fifth. Your Commission recommends that the President of Synod be instructed to communicate the resolution of this body, adopted at its last Convention (Minutes 1914, page 79), to such other bodies as in his judgment are likely to be interested in it.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. G. SCHERER,
A. G. VOIGT,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
W. HOPPE,
H. A. McCULLOUGH,
W. H. GREEVER,
L. A. FOX,
E. C. CRONK.

The report of the Committee on Sunday School Literature was received and adopted.

No. 38.

Report of Committee on Common Sunday School Literature.

This Committee met at an early date following the meeting of the United Synod in Columbia and organized by the election of W. H. Greever, Chairman, and H. A. McCullough, Secretary.

The members of this committee were duly recognized as representatives of the United Synod, at a meeting of the Joint Committee held at Philadelphia, May 3-4, 1915. This Joint Committee is composed of representatives of the General Synod, the General Council, the Joint Synod of Ohio, and the United Synod in the South.

Following the temporary organization of the Joint Committee attention was given to a basis for practical cooperation. After much discussion agreement was reached and the permanent organization effected by the election of Dr. F. H. Knubel, of New York, Chairman, and Rev. H. A. McCullough of our committee, Secretary. At that meeting two committees were appointed, one on the business basis for the proposed joint publications, which

committee is composed of Dr. F. L. Sigmund and D. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., of Philadelphia, Mr. A. H. Dornbirer, of Columbus, Ohio, and W. H. Greever, of our committee. The other committee, on theory of grading, is composed of Dr. F. H. Knubel, of New York, Dr. T. E. Schmauk, of Lebanon, Pa., Rev. J. S. Sheatsley, of Columbus, Ohio, and Dr. W. Hoppe of our committee.

These two committees have held several meetings in this biennum, as have subcommittees, constituted by them, and much work has been accomplished.

The business basis has been agreed upon in outline, and its principles defined, leaving the details to be supplied when the time for publication arrives, and proper legal contract can be drawn. The general principle is that of equal partnership, involving equal liabilities and profits.

The committee on the theory of grading held its longest meeting July 18-20, 1916, in Philadelphia, resulting in agreement on the general outline of grades and texts to be submitted for consideration to the Joint Committee at a later date. It is expected that the Joint Committee will hold its next meeting about the middle of January, 1917.

The work outlined would require something like ten years for its completion. The Joint Committee believes it possible to have the first grade ready by the end of 1917, and that one grade can be provided for each succeeding year.

It is the intention of the Joint Committee to arrange for the introduction of this new system without seriously interfering with the work of our Sunday schools, as at present constituted.

Our committee has given attention also to the general Sunday school work within the United Synod itself, according to instruction given by the Synod. Our secretary has corresponded with those in charge of the Sunday School Normals of the United Synod with reference to coordination and cooperation in work, and through his instrumentality a meeting of the presidents of these Normals was held in Charlotte, N. C., early last year, at which meeting general outlines for courses and programs was agreed upon. Successful normals have been held this year in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, the North Carolina Synod, the South Carolina Synod, the Virginia Synod, the South West Virginia Synod, the Tennessee Synod, and the Georgia Synod participating. The work of unifying and coordinating this work is in progress under your committee.

Your committee asks:

1. That you approve of its acts during the biennum.
2. That the United Synod continue its representation on the Joint Committee, and that the committee appointed by this body

for this purpose be clothed with authority to act for the United Synod in the progress of this work.

3. That the United Synod authorize its Treasurer to pay all necessary expenses connected with the prosecution of this work by this committee, including the proportionate part of the general expenses incurred by the Joint Committee which according to the present understanding is one-fourth. In this connection we report that the United Synod should assume at this time the payment of $67.50 on account of the expense already incurred by the Joint Committee.

4. That the United Synod continue its supervision over its own Sunday School work along the lines now open.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
W. HOPPE,
H. A. McCULLOUGH.

The Committee to Nominate Fraternal Delegates to other general bodies reported, which was adopted.

No. 39.

Fraternal Delegates.

Your committee to nominate Fraternal Delegates to other general bodies begs to suggest the following:

1. To the General Council—Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., principal; Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., alternate.

2. To the General Synod—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., principal; Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D., alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. L. LINGLE,
D. I. OFFMAN,
E. H. COPENHAVER.

The following Committee on Sunday School Literature was appointed: Revs. W. H. Greever, W. Hoppe, H. A. McCullough and J. W. Horine.

The Board of Deaconesses and Inner Mission Work reported. Adopted.

No. 40.

Report of Board of Deaconesses and Inner Mission Work.

At the last meeting of the United Synod successors to the members composing this Board were not elected. We, therefore,

did not assume the responsibilities of the same, but on October 25, 1916, the President of the United Synod notified us that according to analogy in standing resolution three (Minutes, 1914, page 111), we automatically became our own successors; or rather, we continued in office by virtue of no election. Owing to this condition this Board has held no meeting, and has transacted no business.

We, however, recommend to the United Synod:

That a Board of Deaconess and Inner Mission work be continued, and that its members be elected at this session.

W. H. GREEVER,
M. G. G. SCHERER,
GEO. B. CROMER,
J. E. COOPER.

The report of Committee to Superintend the raising of Quadricentennial Fund was received and adopted, and the Committee was discharged.

No. 41.

Report of Committee to Superintend Raising of Quadricentennial Fund.

This Committee, appointed by the United Synod at its meeting in Columbia, S. C., in 1914, has held such meetings as circumstances indicated, but owing to conditions created by the European War, has nothing definite to report at this meeting. We have published a request that all Institutions, Boards, and Synods planning to raise special funds in commemoration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation would notify us of such plans; but up to this time only one such purpose has been officially reported. We have understood that all special campaigns were practically suspended and that the various institutions and causes are waiting till after this meeting of the United Synod before prosecuting their plans further.

We recommend that a committee be appointed at this time to cooperate in the work referred to this committee at the time of its appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. GREEVER,
J. E. COOPER.

(A. H. Snider, absent).

Resolved, That the members of the Executive Committee constitute a committee to make arrangements for the Reformation celebration to be held in Salisbury in 1917.

The following was adopted:

No. 42.

Resolved, That the delegations appointed to represent the United Synod at the meetings of the General Synod and General Council for 1917 be constituted the committee on program for the day of discussion and action looking to federation at the special meeting of the United Synod for 1917.

The following Committee was appointed to nominate the delegates provided for in this action: Rev. H. A. Kistler and Messrs. H. E. Dreeson and J. H. Marsteller.

The Committee on Memorial of Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., was instructed to prepare and hand said Memorial to the Secretary of this Synod for publication in our minutes.

No. 43.

Report of Committee on Memorial to Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D.

The Committee appointed to prepare for insertion in the minutes a suitable memorial to Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., adopted as its report the action taken by the United Synod in sustaining the following recommendation of the Committee on the report of the Board of Foreign Missions:

"We recommend that the United Synod adopt as its official tribute to the late Dr. Holland the chaste sketch of the life and the loving estimate and appreciation of his work and character as formulated by the Board, and that an appropriately marked page of the printed minutes of this convention be reserved in the said tribute."

M. O. J. KREPS,
A. G. VOIGT,
J. W. HORINE.

No. 44.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the practice of proxy be not only discouraged, but discountenanced.

The report of the Committe on Lowman Home was presented and adopted:

No. 45 and 45a.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless.

The Board elected by the United Synod to receive the Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless from the South Carolina Synod, and to direct its work, met February 9th, 1915, and organized by electing Dr. W. H. Greever, President, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Secretary, and Dr. W. P. Cline, Treasurer and Superintendent; the latter to continue under the South Carolina Synod until the transfer of property was made, and then to succeed himself under the United Synod Board. The South Carolina Synod at its meeting in 1915 made the provision for the legal transfer of this property. The transfer has been actually completed, as deed of transfer accompanying this report, will show. This deed has just been completed. We submit its following statements as information.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

This property consists of nine hundred and seventy-three acres of land divided into a number of tracts lying within the neighborhood of White Rock, South Carolina, all within two miles of the C. N. & L. Railroad. From two hundred and fifty to three hundred acres are arable land, balance timber.

STATEMENT.

973 acres of land	$22,156 00
Improvements thereon	3,700 00
Waterworks	275 00
One steam engine	300 00
Saw mill and cotton gin	150 00
Seven head of mules	775 00
Note secured by mortgage on mule	128 00
Farm inplements	150 00
Provisions on farm	665 00
Cotton on hand (5068 lbs.)	962 93
Household furniture	75 00
Rent still due (1060 lbs. cotton)	195 46
Cotton in field (estimated)	250 00
Supplies due by tenants	215 00
Cotton on hand (355 lbs.) payment on supplies	67 45
Hogs	65 00
Cattle	105 00
Total	$30,234 84

LIABILITIES.

Note to P. C. Price	$ 605 00
Note to Rev. C. W. Cassell	510 00
Note to B. A. Whitner	550 00
Note to Jas. F. Lown	570 00
Note to Mrs. M. J. Burke	600 00
Note to Carolina Life Ins. Co.,	100 00
Note to Palmetto National Bank	2,000 00
Note to Carolina National Bank	188 00
Note to S. C. Trust and Loan Co., Charleston, S. C.	250 00
Note to Roberts and Hiller	220 00
Interest due Mrs. Lowman (estimated)	200 00
Legal fee (balance)	50 00
Note to Carolina National Bank	1,000 00
Account due W. P. Cline (bal. on salary and money advanced)	1,018 17
Account for fertilizer for 1916	100 00
Total	$7,961 17

SUMMARY.

Assets	$30,234 98
Liabilities	7,861 17
Total	$22,373 81

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Cash from contributions	$ 417 77
Cash from sale of produce	294 28
Money borrowed at Bank	945 02
Money advanced	592 88
Sale of cotton	624 05
Sale of produce to tenants	31 91
Cash advanced	94 15
	$3,000 06

EXPENDITURES.

Supplies for farm and home	$ 336 57
Supplies for tenants	307 56
Paid for labor	588 20
Paid on notes and interest	840 50
Legal fee	50 00
Monument for Jesse Lowman	66 51

Mrs. Lowman (interest)	100 00
Insurance	41 40
Farm implements and furniture	25 00
Paid on Superintendent's salary	644 32
	$3,000 06

From these statements it appears that the financial condition has improved since the statement made to the United Synod two years ago.

At the present there are four inmates in the Home—three women and one man. During the past year we have had at least six applications to the Home which had to be refused for lack of room and resources. How many more worthy applicants might have come to us, we can not tell, had our doors been actually opened to the many needy.

OUR NEEDS.

We need more buildings, so that we can open our doors to those who may apply to us for help. We need annual contributions in order to develop the land estate that it may become more profitable to the institution, and to make improvements yearly so as to gradually make the institution serve the purpose for which it was founded.

In view of these conditions the Board requests the United Synod to authorize it to raise $10,000, if possible, as needed for enlargement, and the payment of the present indebtedness, and further requests that each congregation within the bounds of the United Synod make one contribution annually to this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GREEVER,
A. B. GREINER,
M. J. EPTING,
P. H. HALTIWANGER,
JNO. A. CLINE,
P. C. PRICE,
C. W. CASSELL,
ENOCH HITE,
KENNETH BAKER.

Report of Committee on Board of Lowman Home.

Your Committee on Lowman Home hereby expresses gratification at the fact that financial conditions have improved in the affairs of the Home since last convention of this body. We express the hope that all our people may more and more appreciate the

value of the institution and feel prompted to respond to the worthy appeals of the Home. The Board requests the United Synod to authorize it to go before the Church to raise $10,000 to pay indebtedness and for enlargement of the usefulness of the Home.

1. We recommend that authority be given it to undertake the raising of this amount above named from individuals and churches that may be led to respond to appeals made by the Board.

2. We recommend that the deed accompanying this report be properly recorded and turned over to proper party.

3. We recommend that each Sunday school and congregation be requested to make one collection annually for the home.

4. We nominate the following persons as directors of the Lowman Home: Revs. W. H. Greever, Enoch Hite, C. W. Cassell, M. J. Epting and Messrs. P. C. Price, Kenneth Baker, P. H. Haltiwanger, Jno. A. Cline, Dr. A. B. Greiner.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KINARD,
W. J. FINCK,
F. K. ROOF,
A. R. BECK,
J. W. JENNY,
J. F. NEAS.

The following was adopted:

No. 46.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved. 1. That the United Synod expresses its grateful appreciation of the most hospitable manner in which this body has been entertained by the pastors and people of St. Paul's and St. Matthew's congregations.

2. That we appreciate the courtesy of the city press in the prominent notices of our sessions, the Bell Telephone Company for special services and Mr. W. J. Craig of the Passenger Traffic Department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company for his interest in the matter of rates for this Convention.

The following committees were on nomination, elected:

No. 47.

Fraternal Delegates in 1917.

TO MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Principals.	*Alternates.*
Rev. A. G. Voigt, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware, D.D.
Rev. T. B. Epting,	Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr.
Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D.,	Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D.
Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D.,	Rev. W. C. Davis.
Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D.,	Rev. J. C. Peery,
Mr. J. H. Rehder,	Mr. Jacob Umlauf.
Mr. J. M. Rhodes,	Mr. D. N. Akard.

TO MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Principals.	*Alternates.*
Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.	Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D.
Rev. F. B. Clausen,	Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D.
Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D.	Rev. W. Hoppe, D.D.
Rev. Edw. Fulenwider,	Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D.
Rev. H. N. Miller, Ph.D.	Mr. P. C. Price.
Mr. J. H. Marsteller,	Mr. Geo. Heyer.
Mr. J E. Cooper,	Mr. Jno. A. Cline.

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. KISTLER,
HENRY E. DREESON,
J. H. MARSTELLER.

Special Committees.

The following committees were appointed:

On Church Polity—Revs. A. G. Voigt, L. G. M. Miller and J. C. Seegers.

On Summer Resort—Messrs, J. M. Rhodes, J. S. Mauney and C. M. Polvogt.

On Tracts—Revs. C. K. Bell, C. A. Freed, and Mr. J. E. Cooper.

Resolved, That the President of Synod be authorized to substitute for or add to the delegates elected to attend the convention of the General Council and of the General Synod in 1917; and that the chairman of the respective delegations have authority to enroll as delegates any members of the United Synod who may be present at either of the conventions referred to.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 4,000 copies of the proceedings of this Convention printed for free distribution.

The Minutes of the several sessions of today were read, and approved.

The Synod then adjourned, and was closed by the President, using the form provided in our Book of Worship.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is—to the best of my knowledge and belief—a correct and faithful record of the proceedings of the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, held in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, N. C., November 9-13, 1916.

S. T. HALLMAN, Secretary.

Spartanburg, S. C., November 14, 1916.

Standing Resolutions.

June 26, 1886, to November 14, 1916.

1. 1886, p. 54. *Delegates' Expenses*: That the District Synods are hereby requested to pay the necessary expenses of their respective delegates to this and succeeding conventions of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

2. 1900, p. 101. *Theological Seminary Board Vacancies, How Filled*: That in the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary by death, resignation, removal from the territory of the Synod, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled by the Board; and that the said Board shall be elected at every regular meeting of this body.

3. 1902, p. 76. *Acceuts Charter of Board of Missions—Election of Board*: That this body accepts the charter granted by the Legislature of South Carolina to our Board of Missions and Church Extension; and that the members of said Board shall be elected by this body at each of its regular conventions, and should this United Synod fail at any such conventions to elect members of said Board, then the members last elected shall hold over and be empowered to act until their successors shall be elected by the United Synod.

Vacancies in, How Filled: 1904, p. 117: That if a vacancy occurs in the Board of Missions during the interim between meetings of the United Synod, the vacancy shall be filled by the President of the United Synod.

Several Funds of Board of Missions (1906): That the Board of Missions and Church Extension be directed to maintain three funds, viz.: Foreign Mission Fund, Home Mission Fund, and Church Extension Fund, and that these funds be increased by said Board in harmony with the other actions of this body, and in response to the demands of the work. (Note—Modified by the creation of two Boards).

4. 1904, p. 90. *Revenue of Synod—How Raised*: That to provide funds for the necessary expenses of this body an annual assessment of 2 cents per member be laid upon the District Synods, beginning with this convention, and that each District Synod is requested to forward to the Treasurer of this body its first annual assessment at or within three months after its annual convention. (1916 made 2 cents per member.)

5. 1904, p. 118. *Offerings—How Appropriated*: That offerings hereafter made at the sessions of this Synod be appropriated as follows: On the occasions of the presentations of the several causes of synod the offerings shall be devoted, unless otherwise ordered, to cause, or causes, presented.

6. 1906, p. 94. *Prayer for Theological Seminary*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod shall designate the Sunday which will be observed as Reformation Day as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

7. 1906, p. 96. *Official Visitors—Expenses to be Paid*: That this Board recommend that the United Synod pay the expenses of its official visitors to the General Council and General Synod. That the President of this body be empowered to certify official visitors to the General Council and General Synod, whenever the principal and alternate are unable to attend.

8. 1906, p. 45. *Bible Distribution*: We recommend that, as tangible evidence of our interest, a collection be taken annually in our churches for the work.

9. 1904, p. 124. *Divorce*: The attitude of the Church of Christ in regard to the sacredness of the marriage bond and its indissoluble character should be made clear and unmistakable. In view of the revival of the agitation of this subject in this country, it is proper that the United Synod should give utterance to what it believes is the teaching of the Scriptures, and that in terms unequivocal.

In the purview of the State marriage is a civil contract and nothing more. Decrees of divorce affect such contract only in its civil aspect. Therefore an annulment by the State of the bonds of marriage can have no binding effect upon the conscience of the Church of Christ, which resting upon the Holy Scriptures, recognizes in marriage an institution ordained of God and hedged about with divine sanctions and limitations.

While the Church can not but look with disfavor upon the facility with which the bonds of marriage are dissolved under the laws of the State, because of its natural effect in begetting a perverted view of the character of the marital bond, yet it is not in our province to dictate to the State how it shall deal with this subject viewed as simply a contract between citizens of the commonwealth. It is our duty, however, as churchmen to consider marriage as more than a civil contract and to so act as to emphasize its divine and Scriptural character.

The special function of the Church therefore is to inculcate by faithful teachings, proper sentiments as to the sacredness of the marriage relation as of divine sanction, and through its ministry to testify to the indissolubleness of the marital bond by declining to officiate at remarriage of divorced parties while both are living.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, marriage is an engagement as long as both parties do live, and the vow prescribed in the ritual so affirms. While for one specified cause and perhaps

also for willful desertion, there may be a proper dissolution of that bond and of all obligations growing out of such marriages, (there is no Scriptural warrant for either party to remarry, while the other is living; therefore no minister of the Church of Christ should officiate at the remarriage of divorced parties, unless he is assured that the marriage bond has been dissolved by God Himself—that is, by the death of one of the parties.) The clause in parenthesis is qualified by the action of 1908.—Secretary.

1908, pp. 45, 46. *Divorce—Qualification*: At the ninth convention of this body a series of propositions on Divorce and Remarriage was submitted for consideration at the following convention (Min. IX. Conv., p. 124). At the last convention these propositions were simply ordered to be reprinted (Min. X. Conv., p. 72).

The United Synod now expresses its judgment in regard to these propositions as follows:

They contain a timely and forceful statement of the sanctity of marriage and the evils of divorce, now unhappily so widely prevalent. But they require qualification so as to recognize the right of the innocent party to remarry.

The dissolution of the marriage bond for reasons explicitly recognized by our Lord and in Scripture must be regarded as sanctioned by God Himself, and the innocent party "is not under bondage in such cases" (1. Cor. 7:15). There is nothing in Scripture to forbid such marriages of the innocent party, for the passages, Matt. 5:32; 19:9; Mk. 10:11, 12; Lu. 16:18, imply that there was no true dissolution of marriage. Accordingly the Smalkald Articles (Jacob's translation, p. 35) declare: "Unjust also is the tradition which forbids an innocent person to marry after divorce."

10. p. 7, 1912. *Titles*: Hereafter all titles of ministers shall be omitted from the body of our Minutes, except on the Roll of Synod and in recording names of officers elected.

11. 1910, pp. 82, 89, 102. *Periods of Offerings*: That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

The Reformation season be adopted as Home Mission period in all our Sunday schools.

That the Epiphany season be recognized as Foreign Mission Festival in all our congregations; and that "April Japan Day" be designated as the season for special offerings for the Japan Mission in all our Sunday schools.

That all the Sunday schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the sup-

port of the Home; when suitable, such offerings to be taken during the summer months.

12. 1910, p. 101. *Mission Reports—When Made*: That the Boards of Home Missions, of Foreign Missions and of Publication shall submit their reports in printed form at the first session of each convention of the United Synod; and that these reports be referred to appropriate committees at once, and that these be presented in connection with the report of these committes.

13. 1914. The following resolutions, adopted in 1900, p. 95, were ordered inserted among Standing Resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we recognize with sincerest pleasure the attendance at this Convention of so large a delegation from among our brethren of the Tennessee Synod.

Resolved, 2. That their delegation be fraternally requested to use such efforts as may seem best to them, and as they concientiously can, to secure, on the part of their entire body, clerical and lay, harmonious cooperation in carrying forward all the general interests of the United Synod.

Resolved, 3. That in view of the position heretofore occupied by the Tennessee Synod with regard to full and active cooperation with this body, this United Synod does now assure the Tennessee Synod that it is most sincerely desirous, in the prosecution of our common work, that nothing may be done calculated to burden the consciences of the brethren of any of our Synods. All our Synods are founded on the Word of God, and the Confessions of the Church in accordance with it, and all are equally bound to frame their practice and fulfill their duty in accordance with a candid and conscientious conviction of the true and proper sense of that Word, and our Confessions on it founded.

Charter of the Board of Home Missons and Church Extension

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Whereas, R. A. Yoder, Lincolnton, N. C., and W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va., two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1909, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That a meeting of the aforesaid organization held, pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said corporation, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in *The State*, a newspaper published in the County of Richland, has been given that the aforesaid declaration would be filed.

And whereas, That said Declaration and Petition further declared and affirmed:

First. Their names and residences are as above given.

Second. The name of the proposed corporation is the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod.

Third. The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Columbia, S. C.

Fourth. The purpose of the said proposed corporation is to conduct and manage the work of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, as shall from time to time be authorized and directed by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South; the members of the said corporation to be elected by the said United Synod as its rules shall require. And with the power to acquire, hold, manage, convey and mortgage property, real and personal, as authorized by law.

Fifth. The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows: Rev. R. A. Yoder, D.D., president; Rev. W. H. Riser, secretary; John M. Rhodes, treasurer.

Sixth. That they desired to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Now, therefore, I, R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter XLVIII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities conferred by said Chapter XLVII, Article II, Code of 1902, and Acts amendatory thereto.

GIVEN UNDER My Hand and the Seal of the State, at Columbia, this 12th day of March, in the Year of our Lord one thousand and nine hundred and nine and in the one hundredth and thirty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

(Seal)

R. M. McGOWN,
Secretary of State.

Recorded in office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, for Richland County, S. C., this 17th day of March, 1909, in Corporation Book at page 295 and certified to by

J. F. WALKER, C. C. C. P. and G. S.

Charter of the United Synod

(Statutes at Large of South Carolina, Vol. XX, page 784.)
No. 512. AN ACT to incorporate the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same: That all those persons who now or may hereafter become members of the "United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South" be, and the same are hereby, declared a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South."

Sec. 2. That the said society shall be able and capable in law and equity to have, hold, and receive, enjoy, possess, and retain, all such property, real and personal, as they may now be possessed of in any wise entitled to, or which shall have been or shall hereafter be given, bequeathed, or in any way acquired, and to sell, alien, or otherwise part with the same or any part thereof, as they shall deem proper or expedient.

Sec. 3. That the said society shall by its proper name have succession of officers and members, to be chosen according to the rules and by-laws made or to be made for its government and direction; and shall have power and authority to make rules, regulations, and by-laws not repugnant to the laws of the land, and to have, keep, and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter at will: to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law; and to have and enjoy all the rights and privileges incident or belonging to incorporated bodies.

Approved December 24, A. D. 1890.

Sunday Services.

St. Paul's Church—11:00 a. m., Altar Service by Rev. F. B. Clausen, with sermon by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Jr.

At 3:45 p. m., Woman's Missionary Conference Service, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps presiding. Address by Mr. H. Inadomi, Japanese student at Roanoke College. His fine address, on "Through Darkness Into Light," was listened to with very great interest, and the offering was $60.00.

At 8 p. m., Rev. J. A. Morehead, D.D., address on Modern Education and the Reformation; followed by Rev. J. C. Seegers, D.D., on Permanency of the Lutheran Church.

St. Matthew's Church—11 a. m., sermon by Rev. M. O. J. Kreps, D.D.; address by Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D.

At 8 p. m., sermon by Rev. C. A. Freed, D.D.

Note: Other pulpits were occupied by members of the Synod, but, since only two were reported to the secretary, it was thought best not to publish any of them.

List of Visiting Ministers

Rev. John C. Peery, Salem, Va.
Rev. C. Brown Cox, Marion, Va.
Rev. John W. Horine, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Salem, Va.
Rev. R. H. Cline, Stephens City, Va.
Rev. Wm. Lee Hunton, Ph.D., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., Selinsgrove, Pa.
Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Baltimore, Md.
Rev. C. L. Brown, D.D., Kumamoto, Japan.
Rev. R. S. Patterson, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. E. C. Cronk, D.D., Columbia, S. C.
Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., Irmo, S. C.
Rev. V. Y. Boozer, Leesville, S. C.
Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.

Note: No doubt there were other visiting ministers in attendance, but their names were not given to the Secretary.

In Memoriam

Robert Christian Holland

1840-1915

THE UNITED SYNOD and the Board of Foreign Missions suffered an irreparable loss, humanly speaking, in the death of the President of the Board, Rev. Robert Christian Holland, D.D., which occurred in Columbia, S. C., November 17, 1915. He was born in Staunton, Virginia, April 30, 1840, was an alumnus of Roanoke College, served with distinguished fidelity in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, studied law at the University of Virginia but later entered the Gospel ministry of the Lutheran Church and soon rose to unusual prominence as a pulpit orator of the first rank, a faithful pastor, a judicious counsellor, a wise executive. After serving for many years as pastor of the leading congregations in the Virginias and the Carolinas he was elected successfully President of the Board of Missions and Church Extension (1904-1905), President and Missionary Superintendent of the same Board (1905-1908), and President and General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions (1908-1915), thus giving eleven years of conspicuous and successful service to the United Synod in the direct cause of missions.

Doctor Holland was an extraordinary man. A born leader, he was ever ready to accept the challenge of duty, undaunted by difficulties and unmoved by obstacles, always standing "four-square to every wind that blew," a man of ardent soul, of unfaltering faith, mighty in prayer, hopeful and persistent when others seemed to question and to quail, never for a moment doubtful of the issue in the great conflict. Often he saw the travail of his soul and was satisfied.

Under the leadership of Doctor Holland, supported by a devoted constituency, our work in Japan attained remarkable growth and expansion. In the opening of new stations, sending out additional missionaries, establishing educational institutions, erecting church, school and other buildings, and in planning and inaugurating women's work, whereby giving them a personal place and an active part in the mission program, he in humility and general self-forgetfulness built a monument in Japan that will abide until the end of time and become radiant with the glory of the Lord in the day of coronation.

Doctor Holland enjoyed the affection and confidence of the Church in the highest degree. A feeling of inexpressible sorrow was felt throughout the United Synod when it became known that he was on earth no more. From across the sea the Mission Conference in Japan voiced their deep grief and keen sense of loss; the native Christians made known to us their sorrow and their sympathy and their esteem of him whom not having seen they loved; the Board adopted and published resolutions of tribute to their fallen chieftain; and it is now the privilege of the United Synod in its Fifteenth Convention to place in its permanent record its appreciation of the worth and service of him who for many years was the leading champion of its missionary activities. God calls His workmen from labor to eternal rest; but the work must go on to blessed consummation.

Proceedings

OF THE

Sixth Biennial Convention of the Woman's Missionary Conference

Of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

WILMINGTON, N. C., NOV. 9-12, 1916

Official Program

Thursday, November 9th.—10:15 A. M.—Communion Service with the United Synod.

2:30 P. M.—Prayer Service. Enrollment and Seating of Delegates. "Welcome to Wilmington." Responses by President and Chairmen of Delegations: Miss Wilhelmina Rock, for North Carolina; Mrs. H. E. Dreeson, for Georgia; Mrs. J. G. Bringman, for Southwestern Virginia; Mrs. J. H. Wyse, for Virginia; Mrs. T. B. Epting, for Mississippi; Mrs. E. H. Kohn, for Tennessee; Mrs. R. F. Bowe, for South Carolina; Mrs. W. J. Caldwell, for the Holston Synod. Greetings from United Synod, General Synod, General Council. President's Address. Announcement of Committees.

7:30 P. M.—Meeting of Executive Committee.

8 P. M.—United Synod Addresses.

Friday, November 10th.—9:30 A. M.—Prayer Service. Reports. Executive Committee, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Advisory Committee to Mission Boards. "Needs and Opportunities in the Home Field"—Dr. R. S. Patterson. "Needs and Opportunities in Japan"—Dr. Chas. L. Brown.

2:30 P. M.—Prayer Service. Report and Discussion of Departmental Work: Mission Study, Literature, Thank Offering, Synodical Problems, Mrs. H. C. Bell.

4:30 P. M.—Missionary Play, "The Song They Sang."

7:30 P. M.—Stereopticon Address, "The Women of the Orient."

8 P. M.—United Synod Addresses.

Saturday, November 11th.—9:30 A. M.—Report and Discussion of Departmental Work: Life Membership, Junior Work, Young People's Work, Student Session. Seven Minute Talks from Students: Mont Amoena, Marion, Lenoir, Elizabeth, Summer-

land. Address: "Tomorrow for the Lutheran Student"—Miss Annette Kahler, Student Secretary, Buffalo. Reports.

Sunday, November 12th.—11 A. M.—Chief Service with United Synod. 3:45 P. M.—Address: "Through Darkness Into Light"—Mr. Hajime Inadomi, of Japan.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM,
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
WILMINGTON, N. C., NOVEMBER 9, 1916.

The Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod held its Sixth Biennial Convention in the Sunday school room of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, N. C.

The meeting was formally opened at 2:30 P. M. by the President, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, and prayer service conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. The following officers were present:

President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.
First Vice President—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Second Vice President—Miss Constance Cline.
Third Vice President—Mrs. I. D. Worman.
Fourth Vice President—Mrs. H. J. Boger.
Fifth Vice President—Mrs. H. J. Lintz.
Sixth Vice President—Mrs. C. E. Weltner.
Seventh Vice President—Mrs. T. B. Epting.
Recording Secretary, pro tem—Mrs. Robert F. Bowe.
Corresponding and Statistical Secretary—Mrs. J. G. Bringman.
Editor and Secretary of Literatre—Mrs. E. C. Cronk.
Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Boger.
The following delegates were enrolled:

Roll of Delegates.

North Carolina—Miss Wilhelmina Rock, Miss Lillian Miller, Mrs. Y. von A. Riser, Mrs. C. R. Pless, Mrs. Cora May, Miss Mary Cline, Mrs. A. M. Hanna, Mrs. Will Rehder.

South Carolina—Mrs. Robert F. Bowe, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. Geo. T. Rygh, Mrs. Jno. C. Seegers, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. C. A. Freed, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Miss Caro Efird, Miss Lottie Wyse.

Virginia—Mrs. Grace H. Wyse, Mrs. I. D. Worman, Miss Irene Mason.

Mississippi—Mrs. T. B. Epting.

Holston—Mrs. E. E. Boehme, Mrs. W. J. Caldwell.

Southwest Virginia—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver, Mrs. Harry Bringman, Mrs. J. G. Bringman

Georgia—Mrs. Henry E. Dreeson, Mrs. C. F. W. Hoppe.
Tennessee—Miss Ada Miller, Mrs. J. D. Mauney, Mrs. Rosa Yoder, Mrs. J. L. Kiser, Mrs. R. G. Rhyne.

Welcome by Mrs. Will Rehder. Response by Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.
Responses by Chairmen of Delegations—Miss Wilhemina Rock, North Carolina; Mrs. H. E. Dreeson, Georgia; Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Southwest Virginia; Mrs. J. H. Wyse, Virginia; Mrs. T. B. Epting, Mississippi; Mrs. J. D. Mauney, Tennessee; Mrs. Robert F. Bowe, South Carolina; Mrs. E. E. Boehme, Holston.

Advisory Members

The following were made advisory members: Miss Annette Kahler, Miss Rosalyn Summer, Miss Florence Strickler, Miss Laura Burkard, Miss Ethel Setzer, Mrs. J. H. Dreher, Mrs. Geo. W. Holland, Dr. R. S. Patterson, Dr. C. L. Brown, Dr. J. C. Seegers, Dr. E. C. Cronk, Rev. Ballentine, Mrs. F. B. Clausen, Mrs. G. W. McClanahan.

The report of the President was read and referred to the proper committee.

President's Report.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

I recall to your memory this command of ancient days in order to rivet your attention on the supreme purpose, spirit and province of the Woman's Missionary Conference; and to flash the keyword of these days of challenging opportunity before your uplifted eyes. The birthright of this Conference is leadership—to blaze the trail, to keep always ahead and to stimulate others to follow is its high purpose.

Its spirit should be one of implicit obedience and sublime courage. Its province is that of a voice challenging, admonishing, suggesting, appealing, encouraging and advising. Mr. John R. Mott puts it tersely when he says, "A leader is one who knows the road, who can keep ahead and can pull others after him."

From every corner of our Southern territory we have responded to the call of this Conference for a family gathering at Wilmington. We have come to exchange confidences, to realize the thrill of new inspirations, to catch new visions and to pledge new allegiance to the leading voice of the conference so that from the green fields of Virginia to the fields of summer snow in Mississippi there may be the least possible overlapping and friction and the *greatest* possible family love and consideration and oneness of purpose.

Never in all the history of the world has there been such imperative need for safe, sane leadership as today.

We are witnessing a shocking cataclysm of systems and philosophies and stand aghast at the thought of the followers of the Prince of Peace slaying each his brother, and halting the onward sweep of the Gospel river of Life and Love with the engulfing tide of human hate and blood.

As we ponder the problems of evil and error, and the spirits of darkness let loose, in lands flooded in Christian light for centuries, we ask the old-age question of the disciples, "Lord, why could not *we* cast them out?" Back to us comes the illuminating words of the Saviour of men, "This kind cometh not forth but by prayer." The deepest need of the world and of the great unfinished task is a spiritual need, and the *only* remedy is prayer. Martha like we have been careful and troubled about many things, and Jesus has emphasized that but *one thing* is needful.

In our missionary work we have resorted to every legitimate means of enlarging our work and the masses are still unenlisted. We have had schools of method, we have spent over a million dollars in one year in mission study textbooks and we record no rapid growth in organization or in increased membership. We have made impassioned appeals and adopted all sorts of devices to arrest attention and engage interest and still the financial tide registers no surprising increase.

I do not note these conditions in the spirit of pessimism, but in the optimistic hope of the surgeon who lays bare the disease in order to apply the healing remedies.

Perhaps we have not overemphasized the importance of perfection in the human machinery by which we hope to score our victories, but we have underemphasized the fundamental need of prayer in the conquests of the kingdom, which must be won "not by might nor by power but by my Spirit saith the Lord."

The primary and only *unconditional essential* for the onward sweep of the kingdom is: "Ask of me and I will give Thee." As proof of this I call you to a study of the Acts of the Apostles, who, untrained, poor, handicapped and persecuted, overturned kingdoms and won almost the known world with no weapon but prayer.

As we face the work of another biennium, I make my strongest appeal to you that its keynote shall be: "Forward upon your knees!"

SYNODICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Ten years ago at Dallas, N. C., three synodical societies united forces as the nucleus of the Woman's Missionary Conference. One by one, other synodical bodies have stepped into the line until

today the chain is complete. Mississippi has entered the family Conference circle this year and will likely send its representative to this meeting to bring its report.

We now have eight synodical societies representing a working force, by actual count, of more than five thousand active members, and an unattached contingent of fifteen thousand women to be won to interested participation in missionary service.

If with one-fourth of the Lutheran women of the United Synod we can report more than twenty thousand dollars for one biennium, what could we do with the remaining three-fourths enlisted in active service?

This is the veritable handwriting on the wall that should stir us to extension work outside the limits of the enrolled membership.

As it was impossible for me to accept the invitation to be present at the organization of the Mississippi Synodical Society, I sent a letter of encouragement and greeting and I call this Conference to welcome this latest addition to the family ranks by expressing its good-will and interest in standing for a moment of silent prayer for the work and the workers in Mississippi.

INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT.

Our very superior literature has made possible most satisfactory intensive cultivation of the women already enlisted in service. That more has not been accomplished in an extensive way is not the fault of the supply provided, or of those who provide it, but of those who must furnish the hands and feet to give it wider circulation.

There has been an urgent request for some years for a uniform constitution for Synodical Societies and a movement was made at the last biennial meeting to supply the same. In some unexplained way the effort has suffered from arrested development, but it is hoped that our Executive Committee will be able to offer something along this line for your consideration and adoption at this meeting.

OUR FOREIGN WORK.

Along routine lines our foreign work is growing stronger and yielding larger returns each year, and the effort to properly provide for it is sending warm blood of life-giving spiritual exercise to the very extremities of the whole church body.

To meet the necessities of growth in our woman's work, the Foreign Board has asked for $25 per month increase in the sum allowed Misses Akard and Bowers for evangelistic work.

In view also of the approaching furlough period of these two workers, we are asked to take steps toward making provision for sending out to Japan, in 1917, two more young ladies, whenever the

Board shall so advise. A permanent home for these workers is naturally an imperative necessity, and it has been suggested that we celebrate the twenty-fifth birthday year of our Japan Mission by launching a campaign for $4,000 for this purpose. Life memberships can be given to this fund or to the Home work as the donor prefers.

OUR HOME WORK.

Our Home Mission Board receives from each Synodical Society very material financial support in addition to the appropriations made to Church Building Fund and support of mission pastors in each Synodical Society. We have never been able to claim specific objects for united effort in the Home field, because up to this time the Board has preferred to have appropriations and contributions turned into a purely general fund. Conditions in Mississippi are, however, so unusual and so serious that they clearly voice the appeal, "Come over and help us." We long to respond to the call, and I believe our women simply await permission to assume specific obligations that would mean increased expenditure for Home work.

At a meeting of the Japan Mission held in September a resolution was passed asking the women to take over all kindergarten work, and this request has been officially conveyed to me.

In order to more satisfactorily provide for current expenses of literature work the Executive Committee advises a contingent fee of 25 cents per member in each Synodical Society, ten cents of this amount to go to synodical incidentals and 15 cents to the Conference treasurer for literature and administration.

I regret to have to confess that no reports of officers have come into my hands prior to this meeting, but I sincerely hope each Departmental Secretary has encouraging achievements to bring before this body. The imperative essential of system and success is to properly connect up each line of effort from the local society to the Conference officer. In the spirit of gratitude to our Father for the joy of a service that makes us "workers together with Him" and looking to Him for wisdom and guidance, I recommend:

1. That we launch in 1917 a serious and systematic enlistment campaign for increased membership.

2. That we assume the small monthly increase of $25 for the evangelistic work of our girls in Japan.

3. That we signify to the Board of Foreign Missions our readiness to increase the force of our women workers, and at this Conference plan intelligently to provide for necessary funds.

4. That we make the twenty-fifth anniversary of our work in Japan memorable by raising $4,000 for a permanent home for women workers.

5. That life membership and memberships "In Memoriam" shall be devoted to this building fund or to Home Missions as the donor shall designate.

6. That the women take over the kindergarten work and support and extend it, working up increased interest and offerings in the children's societies for this purpose.

6. That we pledge $1,000 this incoming biennium for current expenses of General Literature Committee, $300 of this amount to be paid each year by the Synodical Societies constituting the Conference, and $200 each year be added from the profits of the office. In order that the amount to be raised by Synodical Societies shall be put on an equitable basis, the fifteen cents per capita tax should be pledged by each synodical body

8. That the Literature Committee shall be increased from three to five members, and that this committee shall share all the responsibilities and give every possible help in disposing of the problems incident to the work.

9. That this Conference encourage a movement for field workers in the various Synodical Societies wherever possible. It is "the living link" we need to encourage, advise, educate, and make operative the plans and purposes of our work.

With hearts uplifted in thankfulness to God for the divine touch that has multiplied all that we have brought to Him, I sound the challenge:

"Prize what is yours, but be not quite contented,
There is a healthful restlessness of soul
By which a mighty purpose is augmented,
In urging us to reach a higher goal.

So when the restless passion rises, driving
Your calm content before it, do not grieve,
It is the upward reaching and striving,
Of God in you, to still achieve, achieve."

Wonderful ships of hope and promise are waiting just beyond the bar for the strong tug of prayer to bring them into port and the signal they flaunt shoreward to us is: "Forward! Upon your knees!"

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. O. J. KREPS.

Standing Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

President's Report—Mrs. W. F. Morehead, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. I. D. Worman.

Literature Committee Report—Mrs. Geo. T. Rygh, Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver, Mrs. J. D. Mauney.

Resolutions—Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. Chas. Cronenberg, Mrs. T. B. Epting.

Executive Committee Report—Mrs. E. H. Kohn, Mrs. C. A. Freed, Mrs. W. J. Boger.

Letters and Petitions—Mrs. R. A. Yoder, Mrs. J. C. Seegers, Mrs. H. E. Dreeson.

Official Directory—Miss Wilhemina Rock, Miss J. G. Bringman Mrs. Grace Wyse.

Finance—Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. Robt. F. Bowe, Mrs. Y. von A. Riser.

Report of Advisory Committee to the Board of Foreign Missions was read and adopted by items and then as a whole.

Report of Advisory Committee to the Board of Foreign Missions.

On March 16th your Committee met with the Board of Foreign Missions at Roanoke, Va., at the invitation of the Board. At this time the Board submitted for our consideration the following resolutions from the Minutes of the Mission Conference held in Kumamoto, Japan:

With reference to the Woman's Mission work the following resolutions were adopted—

a) That as a Mission we look with pleasure on the fact that Miss M. B. Akard and Miss M. L. Bowers have completed a year and a half at the Tokyo Language School and have now arrived in Kyushu for the purpose of assisting in the work of the Mission, and we hereby pledge our hearty support in all possible ways.

b) That whereas these young ladies have come to Japan under the authority of the United Synod Board, and subject to their rules, we as a Mission invite them to attend our meetings and participate in all discussions, and furthermore extend to them the full right to vote on all matters pertaining to kindergarten and woman's work.

c) That whereas the support now allowed them, in addition to salary, barely covers house rent, teacher's salaries, and vacation allowance and income tax, a request is hereby made that the funds remitted for the woman's work be increased by $15 per month over the present amount.

d) That Miss Akard and Miss Bowers be assigned to the station in Saga for further language study and to work in connection with Dr. C. K. Lippard with a view to ultimately transferring to them

the management of the kindergarten and woman's work in Saga prefecture.

e) That so far as the Mission can now judge, Saga is the most desirable place as a center for the woman's work. That therefore when financial conditions in America will permit it without prejudice to work already begun, the Church be encouraged to purchase land and erect at Saga a home suited to the needs of the lady missionaries. According to present prices of land and building material the Mission estimates the approximate cost of home and lot at $4,000.

f) That while we look with great favor on the idea of working toward a girl's school for our Mission, we are unwilling to recommend that such a movement be projected at this time when other objects of the work are suffering from lack of sufficient support.

(Excerpt made by M. J. Epting, President Board of Foreign Missions.)

After careful consideration of these items and discussion of the whole situation relative to our woman's work in Japan, the following resolutions were submitted to the Executive Committee and through them to the Synodical Societies:

1. That the appropriation made to Misses Bowers and Akard be increased by $25 per month in order that available funds for the expansion of the work may be at hand, and that this amount be apportioned among the Synodical Societies by the Executive Committee.

2. That plans be made looking to the sending out of two more young women not later than September, 1917.

3. That we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Lutheran Missions in Japan by beginning in 1917 a campaign for $4,000 for the Home in Saga, if in the judgment of the Executive Committee this is possible without retarding the work already begun.

4. That a committee, with a representative from each synodical society, be appointed to have this anniversary fund in charge.

The apportionment as made by the Executive Committee is:

South Carolina women	$500
North Carolina women	500
South Carolina Young People's Federation	650
North Carolina Young People's Federation	525
Southwest Virginia	225
Virginia	210
Holston	410
Tennessee	100
Georgia	150
Mississippi	25

The salary of the Children's Missionary, Rev. A J. Stirewalt, was apportioned as follows:

North Carolina Children	$434
South Carolina Children	300
Southwest Virginia	200
Virginia	35
Georgia	150
Holston	50
Tennessee	75
Mississippi	10

These amounts have been assumed by the Synodical Societies which have met so far.

The Committee called for in resolution 4 was appointed as follows: Mrs. Robt. F. Bowe, Chairman, Mrs. Harry Bringman, Mrs. C. R. Pless, Mrs. E. H. Kohn, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. Grace Wyse, Mrs. W. G. Cobb.

The need of two additional workers to be sent out grows more and more imperative. We recommend, therefore, that this Conference unite in special prayer that God would show us whom He would have go for us.

We have in hand a request from the Japan Conference, indorsed by the General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, that we assume the entire support of the kindergarten work in Japan at a cost of $600 per year. We recommend:

1. That this request be granted.

2. That the Executive Committees of the Synodical Societies be asked to state what proportion of this amount each society is willing to assume: Southwestern Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Holston, Mississippi.

3. That these amounts be provided in as far as possible by securing, among children, supporters who will contribute 15 cents per month, the average cost of maintaining a child in our kindergartens in Japan.

4. That we ask the Board of Foreign Missions to continue the support of the kindergartens on the present basis until this matter is presented to the Synodical Executive Committees and pledges secured sufficient for this increase.

Following the action of the Executive Committee as reported our Committee was asked to confer with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in regard to plans for making our woman's societies more helpful auxiliaries to the Board. As a result of that conference we embody the requests of that Board in the following resolutions:

1. That our auxiliary and synodical societies be requested to make their contributions for United Synod Home Missions to the general fund without designating special objects.

2. That the part of the Thankoffering which is given to United Synod Home Missions and the Life Memberships designated for Home Missions be given to the general fund.

3. That the Home Mission funds collected in the children's boxes during the next biennium be given to Birmingham.

4. That your committee be named Auxiliary Committee to the Boards of Missions instead of Advisory Committee to the Boards of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD,
MRS. E. C. CRONK,
MISS CONSTANCE CLINE.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and referred to the proper committee.

Report of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Conference of the United Synod met in the Publication Building, Columbia, S. C., on May 25, 1916, at 11 A. M. The members present were Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. H. C. Bell, Mrs. J. K. Efird, Mrs. J. H. Harms and Miss Constance Cline

After devotional service the roll was called and the committees proceeded to business. Vacancies were filled as follows: Advisory Board to Board of Foreign Missions, Miss Constance Cline; Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Dreher.

A motion was adopted that the Secretary send a copy of the constitution proposed for adoption by this Conference to each member of the Executive Committee with the request that the various members give it careful consideration and report any desired changes at next meeting.

The Secretary was authorized to send to Rev. V. Y. Boozer, President of the Board of Home Missions, the resolution presented by Mrs. R. A. Yoder, at our last Conference, as found on page 141 of minutes.

A resolution was passed requesting the Departmental Secretaries to submit their report in writing to the President of the Conference, not later than October 15 preceding the meeting of Conference.

A letter from Dr. M. J. Epting, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, was read. Dr. C. L. Brown appeared before the committee and set forth conditions in Japan. The report of the Advisory Board to the Board of Foreign Missions was then read.

Upon motion, the Executive Committee selected a representative from each Synodical Society whose duty it shall be to make a vigorous campaign for the raising of funds for the Girls' Home.

The representatives are as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Robt. F. Bowe, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. C. R. Pless, Salisbury, N. C.; Mrs. E. H. Kohn, Mt. Holly, N. C.; Mrs R. C. Holland, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. H. E. Bringman, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs J. H. Wyse, Staunton, Va.; Mrs. W. G. Cobb, Blountville, Tenn.; Mrs. Ben Lester, Augusta, Ga.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the Advisory Board appointed at the request of the Board of Foreign Missions has made possible more intelligent cooperation in our Foreign Mission work, be it

Resolved, That the Advisory Board be empowered to confer with the Board of Home Missions and to present to this committee recommendations in regard to the forwarding of our Home Mission work in the various synodical conventions, provided the Board of Home Missions desires such conference.

A report of the Literature Committee was given by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. All bills have been met but a deficit of $153.96 exists in the amount pledged by Conference to the salaries of editor and secretary of Literature work, the amount pledged being $600.

The children's boxes were reported ready for distribution. Propositions from the General Council and General Synod Conventions that the Conference unite with them in placing an exhibit of Lutheran literature at the summer conference at Northfield with some representative to take charge of said literature, and expenses to be shared equally by the three bodies, were discussed.

It was decided that literature to the amount of $15 be sent to Northfield and all money received from the sale of this literature be devoted to this work.

After a discussion of plans for meeting financial problems of the General Literature work it was

Resolved, That we recommend to the synodical conventions that they provide a contingent fee of 25 cents per capita, ten cents of which shall be apportioned for synodical convention expenses and 15 cents for administration, literature and extension work of the Synodical Conventions the literature appropriation now existing shall be discontinued.

A discussion of Life Membership brought forth the following resolution:

Resolved, That Life Membership funds be applied to building of a Girls' Home in Japan or Home Mission work as the donor shall

designate. When the object is not designated the funds shall be divided equally.

The Treasurer's report was adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to send a note of thanks to Mrs. MacLaughlin for her services.

The time and place for meeting of the next Conference was discussed. Wilmington's invitation was accepted, the meeting to begin on Sunday preceding United Synod.

A program committee, consisting of Mrs. H. C. Bell, Mrs. E. C. Cronk and Mrs. Will Rehder was appointed to arrange a program for the Conference.

The support for our woman's work in Japan was apportioned as follows:

South Carolina Young People	650 00
North Carolina Young People	525 00
South Carolina Women	500 00
North Carolina Women	500 00
Southwest Virginia	225 00
Virginia	225 00
Holston	410 00
Tennessee	100 00
Georgia	150 00
Mississippi	------
Total	$3385 00

The support of Rev. A. J. Stirewalt by the children was apportioned as follows:

North Carolina	$350 00
Southwest Virginia	200 00
South Carolina	300 00
Virginia	35 00
Georgia	150 00
Holston	50 00
Tennessee	75 00
Mississippi	10 00

The meeting closed with prayer.

CONSTANCE CLINE, Secretary.

Greetings from the General Council was brought by Miss Annette Kahler.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

November 10, 1916.

Devotional, "The Cost of Prayer," by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Bringman, was read. Report received as information and ordered printed in minutes.

Report of Corresponding and Statistical Secretary.

South Carolina—Woman's Societies, 65; members, 1500; contributed by women and children, $9039.44.

North Carolina—Woman's societies, 56; members, 1188; contributed by women, $5982.13.

Virginia—28 societies, including children's; members, 263; contributed by all, $1576.

Holston—Woman's societies, 19; members, 282; contributed $1768.88.

Tennessee—Woman's societies, 25; members, 544; contributed, $1034.49.

Southwest Virginia—Woman's societies, 35; members, 650; contributed, $2898.58.

I would urge the Synodical Corresponding Secretaries to report annually to the Corresponding Secretary of Conference. It would be of great assistance to her.

MRS. J. G. BRINGMAN.

The report of the treasurer was read by Mrs. Jno. C. Seegers.

Report of Treasurer.

1916 RECEIPTS.

June	22.	Life Membership, Mrs. E. A. Repass	$ 10 00
July	1.	Current Expense, from Mrs. W. R. Brown	5 00
	15.	Life Membership, Dr. R. C. Holland	25 00
	31.	Life Membership, Mrs. L. H. Copenhaver	10 00
Aug.	9.	Life Membership, Mrs. H. C. Buchanan	10 00
	9.	Literature Committee, College Ch. Soc., Salem, Virginia	5 75
		Literature Committee, Rural Retreat Soc.	1 00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

	14.	Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer	10 00
Sept.	1.	Mrs. A. E. Seymore	10 00
	1.	Rev. N. D. Bodie	10 00
	1.	Mrs. A. W. Winecoff	10 00

Oct.	11.	Mrs. I. D. Worman	10 00
	17.	Mrs. C. L. Brown	10 00
	17.	Mrs. W. J. Boger	10 00
	31.	Mrs. Helen Rast	10 00
	31.	Miss Lillie Bultman	10 00
	31.	Miss Maggie Brandt	10 00
	31.	Miss Amanda Young	10 00
	26.	"In Memoriam," Mrs. Emma Coffman Everly	25 00
		Total Receipts	$ 201 75

1916. DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept.	22.	By Gen. Lit. Com., Mrs. E. C. Cronk	75 00
Oct.	31.	By General Lit. Com., Mrs. E. C. Cronk	85 00
	31.	By General Lit. Com., Mrs. E. C. Cronk	30 00
	31.	By (Life Membership Pins) Miss S. M. Protzman	8 75
		Total Expenditures	$ 198 75
Oct.	31.	Amount on hand	$ 3 00
			$ 201 75

MRS. E. S. DREHER, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct in every particular.

MRS. GEO. T. RYGH.
MRS. E. H. COPENHAVER.
MRS. J. D. MAUNEY.

Report of former Treasurer was read by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin, Treasurer, in account with Woman's Missionary Conference, United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South.

RECEIPTS.

Mrs J. H. Harms, former Treasurer	$ 57 55
Monday evening offering	18 28
Life Membership	242 00
Total	$ 317 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

1914.			
Nov.	11.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk, cash	$ 75 83
Dec.	4.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk, checks (2)	35 00
1915.			
Feb.	15.	Miss S. Protzmann, badge pins	8 82
	15.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	30 00
Apr.	24.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	20 00
Aug.	2.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	20 00
Sept.	4.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	25 00
	21.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	20 00
Oct.	12.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	20 00
1916.			
Apr.	6.	Mrs. E. C. Cronk	50 00
		Total	$ 304 65
		Balance on hand	13 18
			$ 317 83

Note—In the above receipts $11.50 representing expense of Sunday afternoon program (November 8, 1914) covered by offering, and included in "in receipts from Mrs. J. H. Harms of $57.55." Mrs. Cronk applied this amount from remittance of December 4, 1914, to these expenses. $90 of the amount of disbursements have been applied to deficit of previous biennium. The net amount, therefore, paid on this biennium account is $194.33.

Report of General Literature Committee was read by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, and referred to the proper committee.

Report of General Literature Committee.

Your Committee rejoices to report a steady growth in the literature work.

A careful examination of the records of the work done since the organization of this committee will show that the receipts for each biennium have almost doubled the amounts for the preceding biennium. The past two years have been our best years in many respects.

LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS.

Our literature headquarters in the Lutheran Publication Building are becoming more and more headquarters for all departments of our missionary work. During the past biennium there

has been a noticeable increase in the calls and orders of other denominations as well as of Lutherans.

When we realize that other committees are expending several hundred dollars a year for offices we feel very grateful to the Lutheran Board of Publication which provides our headquarters without expense to our Conference.

EDITORIAL AND CLERICAL WORK.

The last Conference made an appropriation of $500 annually for the salary of an editor and secretary of literature. It was agreed in the joint meeting of the Executive Committee that $300 of this should be paid from the Conference treasury and $200 by the Literature Committee from its sales. The $400 for the biennium has been paid by the Literature Committee but there is a deficit of $195.67 on the amount promised by the Conference. This includes a deficit of $90 carried over from the preceding biennium.

Of the $500 voted for salaries the Committee voted $258 per year to Mrs. E. C. Cronk and $240 per year to Miss Lottie Wyse. It is for the Conference to decide how this deficit shall be met.

LEAFLET PUBLICATION.

The demand for our leaflets has increased rapidly. Our own societies are circulating much more literature than formerly and orders from other Boards and societies have been received from almost every State in the Union and we have had especially large orders from Canada.

We have printed during the biennium 311,400 leaflets. There has been some friendly criticism of what seems to those who do not understand the work an unnecessarily large leaflet publication. This has been a source of income to us.

Not a leaflet has gone to press without advance orders of from 3,000 to 15,000. We have on file now advance orders for over one hundred thousand leaflets now being printed.

PROGRAMS.

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of societies using our programs, and in the number of members of the societies who are buying their own programs.

In 1908 our program order was 250 copies; in 1915 we had advanced to 4,700. The order placed for 1917 was 15,000. For the Quadricentennial year we are cooperating with the General Synod and General Council in the publication of a souvenir Quadricentennial Program Calendar.

THANKOFFERING BOXES.

Ten thousand thankoffering boxes have been ordered during the biennium and distributed among the societies as called for without charge except postage.

EXHIBITS

The Synodical Literature Secretaries have taken much more interest than formerly in the exhibits which have been sent to each Synodical Convention and most of them are planning definitely for effective exhibits in 1917.

Exhibits that have greatly increased our sales have been sent to several interdenominational conferences. While most committees pay the expenses of a representative at the summer conferences our committee has been fortunate in securing representation without any expense to itself. The only expenditure in this line was $10.75, one-third of the expenses of Miss Ida Zinser, who had charge of the Lutheran exhibit at the Northfield Conference this year. This amount was practically covered by literature sales.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS.

One of the most marked advances has been made in the circulation of Mission Study books. Sales of text books have more than doubled in the past biennium. In addition to this a large number of orders has been turned over to the Lutheran Board of Publication. The most delightful relationship has existed between this Board and our Committee and their helpful cooperation has added much to the joy and efficiency of our work.

JUNIOR LITERATURE.

The orders for Junior Literature have been climbing steadily upward, and the general sale of the leaflets and programs for Juniors has been good.

Ten thousand Post Office Boxes for collecting the children's contributions have been bought and are being distributed with no cost to the societies except postage. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Foreign Missions have paid for these boxes and placed them with our Committee for distribution.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE.

The Young People's Societies of the United Synod have cooperated for the year 1917 in the publishing of programs. Our committee has been asked to publish and distribute these programs

as prepared by the editorial committee from the Young People's Societies.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL.

The demand for the Week of Prayer literature is increasing. During the biennium 17,000 Week of Prayer and Self-Denial envelopes were circulated without cost to the societies except postage. The call for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Packets has been larger than ever before.

PAGEANTS AND PLAYS.

Our first venture in publishing missionary pageants and plays has been successful. The pageant, "Christ in America," has had a sale of nearly five thousand copies and has made a profound impression in many of our churches. "The Song they Sang," recently published, is having a wide sale.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend:

1. That the thanks of this Conference be voted to the Lutheran Board of Publication for their kindness in providing our Literature Headquarters.
2. That a special effort be made at this Conference to secure Life Memberships to meet the deficit in the amount promised the Literature Committee by the Conference.
3. That inasmuch as the Life Membership Fund is to be appropriated to other work, the Conference make adequate provision for the maintenance of the literature work from some other source.
4. That a Literature Committee of five members be elected, and that each Synodical Society be asked to appoint a Correspondence Member to serve in an advisory capacity.
5. That the Conference discuss the advisability of issuing another edition of the United Service.

MRS. KATE EARGLE,
MRS. E. C. CRONK,
LOTTIE WYSE,
ANNIE DAVIS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE.

November 1, 1914—November 1, 1916.

Balance on hand November 1, 1914		$ 236 59
Receipts.		
Leaflets of our own publication	$1705 89	
Program packets	45 55	

Junior Program packets	14 75	
Programs	372 83—	
Total Receipts from our own publications		$ 2149 02
Leaflets of other boards		86 57
Mission Study Books		496 47
Mission Study Helps		14 24
Charts		75
Postage		5 19
Subscriptions to magazines		11 00
Refund on cuts		2 04
Treasurer of Woman's Conference on appropriation		494 33
Appropriations from Synodical Societies for literature		463 50
United Service Books		31 63
Other Books		14 75
Young People's Literature		37 65
Freight		14 02
Office Furnishings		3 50
Boxes for Junior Societies		79 28
From sale of typewriter		30 00
Total		$ 4160 53

Disbursements.

Printing	$ 1725 42
Postage	262 20
Office furnishings and supplies	111 54
Freight	22 29
Literature of other boards	229 15
Mission Study Books	432 49
Subscriptions to magazines	10 60
Post office box rent	16 00
Cuts	22 28
Drayage	50
Refund on Programs	40
One-third expense Literature Exhibit at Northfield	10 75
Boxes for Junior Societies	79 28
Clerical Work (Miss Wyse)	480 00
Editorial Work (Mrs. Cronk)	516 00
Express	28 05
Manuscripts	41 67
Young People's Literature	26 12
Total	$ 4014 74
Balance on hand November 1, 1916	145 79
	$ 4160 53

Note—The item of $41.67 for manuscripts is for those accepted and paid for by the Cooperative Literature Committee, two-thirds of this amount being refunded to our Committee.

Address by Dr. R. S. Patterson; Subject: "Needs and Opportunities in the Home Field."

Mrs. T. B. Epting presented the work in Mississippi.

A rising vote of appreciation was given Mrs. T. B. Epting for splendid work done in missionary societies in that State.

Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr., presented the work in Birmingham.

Report of Representative on Cooperative Literature Committee was read by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, and adopted by items.

Report of Representative on Cooperative Literature Committee.

The work of this Committee is enlarging beyond our greatest expectations. During the biennium a number of leaflets have been issued under the cooperative imprint.

The Quadricentennial Program Calendars for 1917 which are on the press will unite for the first time the women of the General Synod, General Council and United Synod in the South in a study of missions along the same outline.

The first step in book publication has been taken in securing a manuscript from the pen of our gifted writer, Mrs. Harold Lewars, on "The Story of Lutheran Missions," which the Cooperative Committee is publishing as one of the Quadricentennial Mission Study Textbooks.

The possibilities before this committee are great—almost beyond our ability to grasp them. At the present time there is an insistent call for a Woman's Missionary Magazine and a Junior Missionary Magazine which shall be world-wide in their outlook and nation-wide in their circulation.

Three of the most influential bodies of our Lutheran women have signified their willingness to unite in the publication of these magazines—the General Synod, the General Council and the Joint Synod of Ohio.

I recommend that this Conference continue its cooperation in this work and elect a representative to serve on the committee for the next biennium.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,

Member of Cooperative Literature Committee from the United Synod.

Report of Representative on Federation of Lutheran Woman's Missionary Societies of North America, was read by Mrs. E. C. Cronk and adapted as a whole.

Report of Representative on Federation of Lutheran Women's Missionary Societies of North America.

The past year has been a year of wonderful advance in federating the Lutheran women of North America. During the year Lutheran Women's Leagues which have united the women of various Synods have been formed in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York. A call has been issued for the organization of the Lutheran Woman's League of North America, in Chicago in October 1917. The Lutheran Woman's League of Chicago, which was the pioneer in organizing in 1893, will be hostess at this great Quadricentennial gathering of women.

If the Lutheran women of America stood together in unbroken line they would reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific. If they faced together the problems and opportunities of this day, their influence would reach to the ends of the earth. The first advance step taken by the federations already formed is the securing of a Lutheran Student Secretary to visit the colleges and universities of our land, to keep in touch with our Lutheran students at the Summer Conferences and to present in every way possible the claims of the missionary work on the hearts and lives of our students.

Our Conference is fortunate in having Miss Annette Kahler, of Buffalo, our first Student Secretary, present at this meeting. While in the South Miss Kahler will visit as many of our colleges as possible. One of the next steps proposed is a larger cooperation in literature and the publication of a Women's Missionary Magazine for the Lutheran women of America and a Junior Magazine for the children.

When we consider the possibilities which seem right at hand for Lutheran federation and cooperation our hearts are filled with a profound thanksgiving, and with earnest supplication to God that we may be given wisdom and strength to meet the opportunities of our day.

I recommend:

1. That the Conference continue its cooperation by appointing a representative to serve on this committee for the next biennium.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to promote the organization of Lutheran Woman's Leagues in cities in which we have

a number of congregations or in centers where such an organization is possible and advisable.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
United Synod Representative of Federation of Lutheran Women's Societies of North America.

Letter of Greetings from Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, Secretary of General Executive Committee of the General Synod, was read by Mrs. Robert F. Bowe and received as information.

Letter of fraternal greeting to General Council women was read by Mrs. J. G. Bringman, and received as information.

Report of Editorial Committee was read by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. Report adopted and referred to Executive Committee.

Report of Editorial Committee.

Your Committee reports that the Woman's Missionary Department in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* has been conducted each week by our editor, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps. The Manager of the Board of Publication tenders to our Conference for the next biennium, the space of one page in the weekly issue of the *Visitor*.

The amount of $60 for the expense of conducting this department has been paid to Mrs. Kreps during the past biennium, by the Synodical Societies as follows: South Carolina, $30; North Carolina, $20; Southwestern Virginia, $10. Some of the Synodical Societies have lapsed in their contributions to this fund and some have never made contributions.

We recommend:

1. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Lutheran Board of Publication for the space that has been given our work during the past biennium and for their offer for the next biennium.

2. That the Conference agree on an adequate amount to be appropriated for the expense of this work, and that this amount be apportioned among the different Synodical Societies, and paid by their treasurers to the treasurer of this Conference for the purpose designated.

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
MRS. M. O. J. KREPS,
MRS. W. G. ALLWORDEN.

On motion Mrs. A. M. Hanna was added to the North Carolina Synodical delegation.

Noontide hour of prayer, "We would see Jesus," conducted by the President, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

Address by Dr. C. L. Brown; subject, "Needs and Opportunities in Japan."

Greetings from the United Synod were brought to the Conference by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

November 10, 1916.

Session opened with hymn, "I Love to tell the Story." Prayer service, "Unanswered Prayer," conducted by Mrs. E. C. Cronk. Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

Report and discussion of Department work. Mission Study Discussion led by Dr. E. C. Cronk.

Motion was adopted suspending business to hear Mr. Hajime Inadomi, of Japan, in a forceful appeal for the younger generation of our Church.

Message from the Board of Foreign Missions was delivered by Rev. M. J. Epting.

Conference accepted the invitation to spend Saturday afternoon at Wrightsville Beach.

List of advisory members submitted by committee was accepted.

Report of Thankoffering Secretary was read by Mrs. I. D. Worman and adopted as a whole.

Report of Thankoffering Secretary.

After entering upon the duties of this office I began communication with the Thankoffering Secretary of each synodical society. They report an increased number of thankoffering boxes in use, public meetings held by many auxiliaries and the distribution of funds for missionary work. Most societies divide the thankoffering equally between the home and foreign work. North Carolina leads in the amount of thankoffering for the biennium with $1,724.05; South Carolina, $1,331.12; Southwestern Virginia, $324.67; Virginia, $266.40; Tennessee, $256.30; Holston, $155.20; making a total of $4,037.67 reported to the Secretary. No report has been received from Georgia Synodical Society.

It is to be regretted that there seems to be no effort made to train the children to make thankofferings.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. I. D. WORMAN.

Report of Children's Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Harms, read by Mrs. J. G. Bringman and adopted.

Report of Children's Secretary.

Regretting my inability to attend the Conference, I beg leave to submit in brief a report of the work done by the children in the District Synods.

North Carolina has 44 children societies, with an enrollment of 1,206 members. Eight of these societies have been organized in the last biennium and 186 new members enrolled. They have contributed in the biennium $1,377.79. Of this amount, $868 was given for the support of Mr. Stirewalt, $279.65 to Birmingham and $352.02 to Raleigh. The banner society raised $223 per capita. Four mission study classes are reported. U. S. mail boxes are used for collecting funds. There are 33 congregations in the Synod which have no children's organization.

South Carolina has 34 children's societies with an enrollment of 1,000 members. The amount contributed in the biennium is $1,380.60. This was divided between home and foreign missions, the greater amount being given to the foreign work. In the home field they have contributed to Greenville and to Birmingham; in the foreign field to the support of Mr. Stirewalt, to the Ogi and Saga kindergartens and to the support of kindergarten children. The banner society contributed $5.75 per capita. The U. S. mail boxes are used. There are 48 congregations in the Synod without a children's organization.

Southwestern Virginia has 19 societies with an enrollment of 470. They have contributed in the biennium, $457.25. They have pledged for 1916-17, $200 for support of Mr. Stirewalt, $15 for literature and $50 for Birmingham. U. S. mail boxes are used. There are in the Synod 51 congregations where the children are not organized for missions.

Virginia has seven societies with an enrollment of thirty-eight. The amount raised in last biennium is $160.70, the greater part of which was contributed to the support of Mr. Stirewalt. U. S. mail boxes are used.

The Holston Synod has three societies with an enrollment of 71. There are probably 150 children in this Synod who are not enlisted in mission work. They have contributed in the biennium $60.87, which is practically divided equally between the home and foreign work.

The Tennessee Synod has 14 societies with an enrollment of 203. They have contributed in the biennium about $128.

MRS. J. H. HARMS, Secretary.

Report of Committee on General Literature Committee's Report was adopted as read.

Report of Committee on Report of General Literature Committee.

It is with gratitude in our hearts to God for the work accomplished during the past biennium that we review the success that has crowned the efforts of our very efficient General Literature Committee. The report shows that the past two years have been more profitable than any other similiar period of time in the experience of the committee. This report furnishes a firm basis for the hope that the current biennium will prove even more successful not only in a pecuniary sense but far more in the extension of its work of inspiring general zeal for missions and a more generous participation in the execution of Christ's great command.

The fact that not only other Lutheran bodies but also other denominations are making extensive use of our Lutheran literature is not only evidence of their approval of the leaflets doctrinally but also a most gratifying recognition of the signal ability which has characterized the committee in its labors.

Your Committee will not forego the opportunity of commending the production of plays and pageants since these appeal effectively not only to the children but to older people as well.

We suggest that the recommendations made by the committee be acted upon by this Conference item by item.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the thanks of this Conference be voted to the Lutheran Board of Publication for their kindness in providing our Literature Headquarters.
2. That a special effort be made at this Conference to secure Life Memberships to meet the deficits in the amount promised the Literature Committee by the Conference.
3. That inasmuch as the Life Membership Fund is to be appropriated to other work the Conference make adequate provision for the maintenance of the literature work from some other source.
4. That a Literature Committee of five members be elected, and that each Synodical Society be asked to appoint a corresponding member to serve in an advisory capacity.
5. That the Conference discuss the advisability of issuing another edition of the United Service.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEO. T. RYGH,
MRS. E H. COPENHAVER,
MRS. J. D. MAUNEY.

Missionary play, "The Song They Sang," was beautifully rendered by the young girls of St. Paul's church.

Adjourned.

After discussion, it was decided that the issuing of another United Service be deferred until the next meeting of Conference, and if then thought expedient, the discussion be renewed and proper action taken.

Report on President's Report, was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Our President in her report voices the aspirations and aims of our Conference in a ringing call to go forward; and at the same time she impresses upon us the futility of any attempt to advance except that which is made "upon our knees."

Your committee recommends:

1. That we welcome our little sister from Mississippi and rejoice that the circle of Synodical Societies is now complete.

2. That the proposed constitution for Synodical Societies, prepared by the Executive Committee, be adopted by this Conference.

3. That items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 in the President's Report be adopted as read.

4. That item 7 be changed to read, That we pledge $500 per year for the work of the Literature Committee. This amount to be paid by the Synodical Societies on the basis of an incidental fee of fifteen cents per capita.

MRS. W. F. MOREHEAD,
MRS. I. D. WORMAN,
MRS. J. L. SMITH.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

November 11, 1916.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Peery.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and Friday afternoon sessions read and approved.

Report of committee on Report of Executive Committee was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Executive Committee.

We, your Committee, on Report of the Executive Committee have examined the same, and recommend they be adopted.

We, further recommend that the report be read for the benefit of this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. H. KOHN,
MRS. C. A. FREED,
MRS. W. J. BOGER.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, recommend:

1. That the resolution in Dr. Lippard's letter concerning a Girls' School in Japan be given serious and prayerful consideration.
2. The reading of letter from Miss Akard to the Conference.
3. In reply to letter received from Treasurer of Federation of Boards of F. M. of N. A., we recommend in regard to dues for 1916 that we pay the same if the Conference so decides.
4. A letter from Board of Missionary Preparation. We recommend that it be read before Conference.
5. A letter from Secretary of Biennial Conference, Mont Claire, N. J., requests the payment of $3 toward expenses of meeting held January, 1916, as soon as possible. Do we owe this? If so, we recommend that it be paid.

MRS. R. A. YODER,
MRS. J. C. SEEGERS,
MRS. H. E. DREESON.

The Recording Secretary was directed to reply to the following letters: Letter from Board of Missionary Preparation; letter from Federation of Women's Board of Foreign Missions of North America; letter from Secretary of Triennial Conference.

Motion adopted making election of officers next in order.

The President appointed as tellers, Miss Lottie Wyse, Miss Irene Mason, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. T. B. Epting.

Motion adopted that the election be held by ballot after nominations from the floor. The election resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Robert F. Bowe.

Corresponding and Statistical Secretary—Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. L. Kiser.

Motion adopted that the Departmental Secretaries be appointed by the Executive Committee.

It was decided that a nominating committee be appointed by the President to make miscellaneous nominations as directed by the Conference.

President appointed the following committee: Mrs. Jno. C. Seegers, Mrs. J. D. Mauney, Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver, Mrs. W. F. Morehead.

Motions adopted that the Young People's Educational Conference be held.

Business resumed and Young People's Program postponed until noon.

Report of Committee on the $4,000 fund for the Girls' Home in Japan was read and considered by items.

Motion adopted that the photograph of Miss Annette Kahler, First Student Secretary for Lutheran Women's Colleges in America, be published in the *Lutheran Church Visitor.*

Motion adopted to suspend business for the Young People's Educational Conference.

Students' Session led by Miss Rosalyn Summer, during which talks were made by students as follows: Miss Florence Strickler, Elizabeth College; Miss Laura Burckhard, Marion College; Miss Ethel Setzer, Lenoir College; Miss Rosalyn Summer, Mont Amoena Seminary.

Address, "Tomorrow for the Lutheran Student," by Miss Annette Kahler, of Buffalo.

Minutes read and approved. Adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

November 11, 1916.

Opening song, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling." Prayer by Mrs. Geo. T. Rygh.

Report of Life Membership Secretary was read, discussion being deferred until evening session.

Report of Life Membership Secretary.

Since the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Conference in Columbia two years ago, our Honor Roll has increased from fifteen life members, one "In Memoriam" and one child membership to forty-eight life members, five "In Memoriams" and three child memberships.

In the meantime it has appeared to some that if a change in regard to the life membership funds be made and that the funds be applied to the building of a Girls' Home in Japan, or Home Mission work as the donor shall designate, and when the object is not designated the funds shall be divided equally, more of our

workers would be interested in this department of our work and our roll be greatly increased. Be that as it may, the greatest interest will be manifested only when each Synodical Society realizes the importance of this department and urges its societies and individual members to give their earnest support to the life membership department.

HONOR ROLL, 1914-16.

1. *Membership "In Memoriam."*

Mrs. Emma Coffman Everly ..... Virginia
Baby Margaret Christine Lineberger ..... North Carolina
Dr. R. C. Holland ..... Southwestern Virginia
Mrs. Annie L. Crickenberger ..... Virginia

2. *Life Membership.*

Mrs. Julia V. Miller ..... New Market, Va.
Miss Ada V. Miller ..... New Market, Va.
Mrs. E. H. Kohn ..... Mt. Holly, N. C.
Mrs. Leila Lichtenwanger ..... Asheville, N. C.
Mrs. Martha Henson ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
Mrs. J. L. Wolford ..... Blountville, Tenn.
Mrs. W. J. Lintz ..... Mosheim, Tenn.
Mrs. R. L. Patterson ..... Salisbury, N. C.
Mrs. J. Q. Wertz ..... Salisbury, N. C.
Mrs. B. B. Schumpert ..... Prosperity, S. C.
Mrs. C. D. Cobb ..... McLeansville, N. C.
Mrs. E. L. Lybrand ..... New Brookland, S. C.
Mrs. W. J. Finck ..... New Market, Va.
Mrs. M. L. Richard ..... Lovettsville, Va.
Mrs. Will Rehder ..... Wilmington, N. C.
Mrs. L. H. Copenhaver ..... Bristol, Tenn.
Mrs. W. C. Schaeffer ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
Mrs. I. D. Worman ..... Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Mrs. A. W. Winecoff ..... Salisbury, N. C.
Mrs. A. E. Seymour ..... Burlington, N. C.
Rev. N. D. Bodie ..... Granite Quarry, N. C.
Mrs. C. L. Brown ..... Kumamoto, Japan.
Mrs. Grace Wyse ..... Staunton, Va.
Mrs. Helen Rast ..... Cameron, S. C.
Miss Tillie Bultman ..... Florence, S. C.
Miss Maggie Brandt ..... Walhalla, S. C.
Miss Amanda Young ..... Fairfax, S. C.
Mrs. E. A. Repass ..... Harrisonburg, Va.
Mrs. H. C. Buchanan ..... Wytheville, Va.

Miss Martha B. Akard ..... Japan
Miss Mary Lou Bowers ..... Japan

3. *Child Membership.*

Henry Henkel Rhyne ..... Mt. Holly, N. C.
Mary Sutton Miller ..... Hakata, Japan

Reported by Synods.

Virginia Synod 6
Southwestern Virginia Synod 3
Tennessee Synod 9
North Carolina Synod 7
South Carolina Synod 6
Holston Synod 5

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. J. BOGER,
Life Membership Secretary.

Adjourned to convene at 7:30 p. m., in order to accept outing at the beach.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

November 11, 1916.

Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." Prayer, Rev. J. L. Morgan.

Report of Life Membership Secretary discussed and adopted as a whole.

Motion adopted that Life Membership be under direction of Conference as formally.

Committee on Report of Silver Jubilee Fund adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Silver Jubilee Fund.

Whereas, The Woman's Conference has decided to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Missions in Japan by raising a fund of $4,000 during the Quadricentennial (1917) to be used in erecting a home for girls in Japan; and whereas, This movement has been approved by each Synodical Society, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That this Fund be known as the "Silver Jubilee Fund."

2. That each representative of the Synodical Societies (namely each member of this committee) use her own discretion as to the best method of gathering this fund.

3. That we suggest that all funds raised in celebration of the Quadricentennial, not otherwise designated, be applied on the Silver Jubilee Fund.

4. That we suggest that a special gift to this fund be made by members of Auxiliary Societies and by members of the Young People's Societies by means of special coin cards which will be distributed by the Corresponding Secretaries of each Society.

5. That we suggest that an attractive circular containing information relative to the Girls' Home be prepared by this Committee. these circulars to be sent by the Synodical Corresponding Secretaries to the President of each Auxiliary Society, who shall appoint a Junior Committee whose duty it shall be to solicit donations with the aid of these circulars.

6. That we suggest that one or more Life Memberships be secured, if possible, from each Auxiliary Missionary Society to be applied on this fund.

7. That Conference provide means for meeting the small items of expense made necessary by these resolutions, the amount to be refunded from the Jubilee Fund.

8. That the President appoint a special Treasurer whose duty it shall be to receive and forward all Silver Jubilee Funds to the respective Synodical Treasurers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT F. BOWE,
MRS. C. R. PLESS,
MRS. E. H. KOHN,
MRS. R. C. HOLLAND,
MRS. H. E. BRINGMAN,
MRS. GRACE WYSE,
MRS. W. G. COBB,
MRS. BEN LESTER.

The President appointed Miss Cora Efird as Treasurer of the Silver Jubilee Fund.

Report of Committee on Constitution.

Report of the Committee on constitution for Synodical Missionary Societies was considered by items and adopted as a whole.

CONSTITUTION FOR SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE SOUTH.

Article I.—Name.

This organization shall be called The Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of ———.

Article II.—Object.

The object of this Society shall be the evangelization and Christianization of the world.

This object it shall seek to accomplish by promoting the organization of Missionary Societies in all the churches of the Synod, by educating and training missionaries and supporters of the missionary enterprise, and by uniting the prayers, the gifts and the labors of the women of the Synod for the support and advance of mission work at home and abroad.

Article III.—Membership.

All women who are members of the Auxiliary Societies of this Synod shall be members of this Society. The voting membership shall be composed as follows: All officers and department secretaries, one delegate for every twenty members of each auxiliary society, all life members of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod who are members of Auxiliary Societies within the bounds of this Synodical Society.

Article IV.—Officers.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Archivist.

Officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual convention of the Society, and shall serve from the close of the meeting at which they are elected until the close of the next annual convention or until their successors are elected.

Article V.—Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The President shall be the General Executive Officer, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and shall supervise its general work.

Sec. 2. The Vice Presidents, in order, shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President, and cooperate with her in furthering the work.

Sec. 3. The Recording Secretary shall give due notice of the annual convention, and of meetings of the Executive Committee and keep a record of the proceedings of both. She shall also prepare the minutes of the annual convention for publication.

Sec. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, carry on the correspondence of the Society and present to the annual convention a written statement of the work during the year.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall receive the funds forwarded by the auxiliary societies, properly acknowledge and credit them and

disburse them on order of the President according to the appropriation of the Convention. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually at the close of the fiscal year.

Sec. 6. The Archivist shall keep a complete file of the minutes and shall collect and preserve such data as may be of historical interest and value.

Article VI.—Departmental Secretaries.

Secretaries of such departments as the Society shall adopt shall be elected to cooperate with the General Secretaries of these departments, in the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod.

Article VII.—Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee composed of the officers and Departmental Secretaries shall be empowered to transact the business of the Society between the annual conventions.

Article VIII.—Annual Convention.

An annual convention of this Society shall be held for the transaction of business and for the training and strengthening of its members.

Article IX.—Auxiliary Societies.

Any Society which shall be organized under the constitution for Auxiliaries and shall contribute to the general work and to the incidental expenses of this Society may become an auxiliary to this Society and shall be entitled to representation at the annual convention.

Article X.—Current Expenses and Incidental Fees.

Sec. 1. That the current expenses of this Society shall be provided by an incidental fee of ten cents por member of each Auxiliary Society.

Sec. 2. That this Society contribute annually the current expense fund of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South an amount equivalent to fifteen cents per capita.

Artice XI.—Alterations and Amendments.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at an annual convention of the Society, provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at the preceding annual convention of the Society.

Report of Secretary of Young People's work was read by Mrs. E. H. Copenhaver, and adopted:

Report of Secretary of Young People's Work.

The past biennium has been one of unusual perplexity and of correspondingly unusual importance in our Young People's work, because it has been a transition period. Our Conference has been guardian of this work during its early development and growth and now our ward is coming of age and learning to direct its own affairs.

The South Carolina Synod has had a successful State Federation of its Young People's Societies for several years which has elected its own officers and disbursed its own funds. Since the organization of this federation, the increase in the number of societies, the growth in membership, the advance in contributions, and the general development of the young people have proved the wisdom of this advance step. South Carolina is doing especially fine work in enlisting young men in College and Seminary.

The North Carolina young people who issued the first challenge for specific missionary undertaking by our young people, while not having a separate State Federation, have their own officers appointed by the Woman's Convention, and at the 1917 convention will hold a special session in connection with the Woman's Convention. This step is preparatory to the North Carolina Federation of Young People's Societies if the results make evident the advisability of such an organization.

In all of the other conventions there are secretaries of young people's work who have charge of this department of the Woman's Convention.

During the past year a forward step has been taken in the formation of an Executive Committee or Cooperative Board composed of two young people from each synodical convention appointed as official representatives to formulate plans for federating the Young People's societies of the United Synod, to provide programs and other literature, and to consider the needs and opportunities which the Young People's societies of all the synods have in common.

The initial step in program cooperation has been taken in the preparation and publication of twelve programs on Lutheran Missions for 1917, the Quadricentennial year. All of the Young People's societies of all the synods have cooperated in the issuing of these programs which have been prepared by a committee composed of one representative from each Synodical Society.

Unquestionably the work is going forward, and unquestionably the greatest opportunities are before us. The missionary work

of tomorrow is being decided today by the attitude which our young people are taking towards the missionary work. We are deciding their attitude by the attitude we take toward these same young people and by the plans that we make for their training.

I wish to make three statements which I believe to be true and most significant and on them I base three recommendations:

It is not possible for us to develop and train our young people to the highest efficiency and especially to enlist the young men without better and more uniform organization of our Young People's work.

Without programs and literature it is not possible for the Young People's work to be unified and progressive.

The future of the Church is largely in the hands of our young people who come back from college to shape either consciously or unconsciously the ideals of the community.

I recommend:

1. That we endeavor in every way possible in the next biennium to secure the organization of Young People's societies, to unite the societies of each synod in a synodical federation and to center the synodical federations in a United Synod Federation of Young People's Societies.

2. That we encourage the publication of programs and literature especially suited for our young people in cooperation with the Literature Committee of our Woman's Societies.

3. That this Conference consider the importance of thorough and systematic work among our college students and the possibility of cooperation with the movement of the Lutheran Woman's League to secure a student secretary.

MAY SCHERER,
Secretary Young People's Work.

Report of Finance Committee was read, discussed and adopted as follows:

Report of Finance Committee.

The only requests for appropriation that have been placed in our hands are from the General Literature Committee and from the Editorial Board.

We recommend:

1. That the action taken by the Executive Committee in providing for an adequate current expense fund for this Conference by asking for an amount equal to fifteen cents per capita from each Synodical Society be definitely presented to each Synodical Society.

2. That of this fund, $500 per annum be appropriated to the General Literature Committee.

3. That the Conference designate an amount to be appropriated to the Editor of the Woman's Missionary Department of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* for expenses.

4. That a standing Finance Committee be appointed, which committee shall be authorized and directed to receive requests for funds from all Boards and Committees and to present a report with recommendations on the first day of each biennial conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. C. CRONK,
MRS. ROBERT F. BOWE,
MRS. Y. VON A. RISER.

Talk on work of Woman's building at Elizabeth College by Rev. J. C. Peery. The Conference expressed its approval of the proposed Woman's building at Elizabeth College.

Motion previously made giving power to Executive Committee to appoint Departmental Secretaries was seconded, this authority now being vested in the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. J. G. Bringman was elected delegate to the Lutheran Jubilee Convention to be held in Chicago, September, 1917.

Motion adopted to use Life Membership fees to pay deficit of $100 of Literature until the full amount is paid.

Report on Resolutions read and adopted by a rising vote of the Conference.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. That we appreciate the fraternal recognition of the United Synod as expressed through its President in a personal message, and that we renew our declaration of unity and cooperation with them in all their undertakings.

2. That it is an inspiration and blessing to have had with us and to have heard Revs. C. L. Brown, J. C. Seegers, D.D., R. S. Patterson, D.D., M. J. Epting, D.D., Mr. Hijame Inadomi, our Japanese student at Roanoke College, also Rev. W. P. Cline, and the thanks of the Conference are due Dr. Cronk for his beautiful stereopticon lecture.

3. That we note with pleasure the presence of Miss Annette Kahler, representative from the General Council Convention, also the greetings from the General Synod Convention through its Secretary.

4. That it is a source of profound sorrow that we record the death of our beloved Dr. Holland, and that we recognize the irreparable loss to our Church.

5. It is with sadness that we note the passing of such an useful life as that of Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, and that we instruct the Secretary to convey a message of condolence to the body which she represented.

6. That we express our hearty appreciation of the courteous services rendered by the daily press, and the generous hospitality of the pastors, people and friends of St. Paul's and St. Matthew's.

MRS J. G. BRINGMAN,
MRS. CHAS. CRONENBERG,
MRS. T. B. EPTING.

Needs in Mississippi presented by Mrs. T. B. Epting.

Report of Official Directory read by Miss Wilhelmina Rock and report held by the Chairman, Miss Rock, until called for.

Invitations for entertaining the next biennial meeting of Conference were extended by Salem, Va., and Jackson, Miss. Selection of place for next meeting of Conference was referred to the Executive Committee, and thanks extended for both of these invitations.

The official directory was ordered to be printed in the missionary page of the *Lutheran Church Visitor.*

Out of respect for our dear departed Dr. R. C. Holland and Mrs. Kate B. Shaffer, Conference stood in silent submission to God's will.

Minutes were read and adopted.

The Finance Committee was appointed as follows by the President: Miss Constance Cline, Mrs. W. H. Riser.

The President also appointed Mrs. T. B. Epting, Archivist.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Literature Committee—Miss Lottie Wyse, Mrs. Kate Eargle, Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Mrs. G. T. Rygh, Mrs. H. C. Bell.

Literature Secretary—Miss Lottie Wyse.

Literature Editor—Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Cooperative Literature Committee—Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Delegate to General Council—Mrs. W. F. Morehead; Miss Constance Cline, Alternate.

Delegate to General Synod—Mrs. I. D. Worman; Mrs. J. H. Rehder, alternate.

Representative to Federated Board of Missions—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

Editor of Woman's Missionary Department in Lutheran Church Visitor—Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps.

Committee to Organize Lutheran Women's League in Cities or Centers—Mrs. J. L. Kiser, Mrs. Geo. H. Rhodes, Mrs. Robt. C. Holland.

DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES.

Thankoffering Secretary—Mrs. I. D. Worman.
Life Membership Secretary—Mrs. W. J. Boger.
Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. E. S. Dreher.
Young People's Secretary—Miss May Scherer.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. C. SEEGERS,
MRS. J. D. MAUNEY,
MRS. E. H. COPENHAVER,
MRS. N. G. MOREHEAD.

Conference was formally closed with hymn: "My Faith Looks up to Thee." Benediction.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, November 12, 1916.

Hymn, "Thou Whose Almighty Word."

Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, President, presided.

Prayer and Scripture reading by Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D.

Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign."

Address by Mr. Hajine Inadomi, of Japan, Subject, "Through Darkness into Light."

Special Offering gathered for Mr. Inadomi amounted to $59.01.

Prayer by Rev. M. J. Epting, D.D.

Closing hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Benediction.

MRS. ROBERT F. BOWE,
Recording Secretary.

STATISTICS OF THE ORPHAN HOME OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Superintendent	J. T. Crabtree, Salem, Va.
Location	Salem, Va.
Established	1888
Inmates:	
Teachers and Assistants	7
Male Children	49
Female Children	55
Total	104
Additions during the biennium	21
Losses during the biennium:	
By death	
Graduated or found other homes	20
Estimated value of all property	$40,000.00
Finances for the biennium:	
Gifts in kind	1,750.00
Gifts in cash	21,290.47
Total	23,040.00

STATISTICS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Location	Columbia, S. C.
Term begins	Third Wednesday in September
Term ends	First Wednesday in May
Volumes in library	5,300
Number of Professors	3

Enrollment of Students

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Total
1914-15	6	2	6	14
1915-16	6	6	2	14

	1914	1915	Total
Matriculated	6	6	12

	1915	1916	Total
Graduated	6	3	9

In regular attendance each year	14
Non-resident (1915-1916)	1

Enrollment by Synods

	1914-15	1915-16
North Carolina	4	5
Tennessee	1	5
South Carolina	6	3
Virginia		..
Mississippi		..
Georgia	2	1
Holston		..
Southwestern Virginia	1	..

Finances During Biennium

Bequests during biennium	None
Gifts in cash	$ 85.00
Present Endowment	36,405.22
Indebtedness	21,200.00

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION, BIENNIUM ENDING NOVEMBER, 1916

The Field:	
1. Principal Stations	4
2. Auxiliary Stations	8
3. Organized Congregations	4
Forces in the Field:	
1. Male Missionaries	5
2. Wives of Missionaries	5
3. Single Women Missionaries	2
4. Native Pastors and Evangelists	8
5. Native Bible Women	2
6. Baptized Members	673
7. Church Buildings	4

8. Missionaries' Homes	3
9. Native Pastors' Homes	4
10. Kindergarten School Buildings	2
11. Kindergarten Teachers' Homes	2
Kyushu Gakuin:	
1. Teachers	23
2. Students	552
3. Theological Students	9
4. Candidates for Ministry	6
Sunday Schools:	
1. Schools	12
2. Scholars	700
Value of Property:	
1. Kyushu Gakuin	$74,080
2. All Other Property	24,000
3. Total	98,080
Annual Running Expenses	22,698
Associated Work:	
1. Missionaries of General Council	5
2. Missionaries of Danish Church	2
3. Missionaries' Wives	7
4. Evangelists	7
5. Baptized Members	190
6. Stations	6
7. Outstations	2

STATISTICS OF THE LOWMAN HOME FOR THE AGED AND HELPLESS

Founded	1914
Location	White Rock, S. C.
Superintendent	Rev. W. P. Cline, D.D., White Rock, S. C.
No. of Assistants	2
No. of Inmates (male 1, female 3)	4
Value of Property (Land $22,000, buildings $6000, other property $1350)	$29,350
Indebtedness	$6,000
Endowment	None

HOME MISSIONS UNDER THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Index Number	Name of Mission	LOCATION	Synod	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Appropriations. For Pastor's Support	Donations	Loans	Total
1	Greenville	Greenville, S. C.	S. C.	C. L. Miller	105	83	1	1	1	$ 410	$....	$1500	$ 1910
2	Woman's Memorial	Spartanburg, S. C.	S. C.	S. T. Hallman, D.D.	56	61	1	1	..	162	.....	.....	162
3	Gastonia	Gastonia, N. C.	Tenn.	J. C. Dietz	107	156	1	1	..	150	.....	.....	150
4	St. Stephen's	Lenoir, N. C.	Tenn.	W. J. Roof	35	38	1	1	1	400	.....	800	1200
5	Kimball Memorial	Kannapolis, N. C.	N. C.	G. H. C. Park	124	200	1	....	....	200	.....	.....	200
6	First Church	Greensboro, N. C.	N. C.	E. L. Folk	103	125	1	1	1	540	.....	.....	540
7	Luther Memorial	Portsmouth, Va.	Va.	W. A. Craun	79	95	1	1	..	675	.....	.....	675
8	Graham	Graham, Va.	S.W.Va.	Vacant	57	58	1	1	..	200	.....	.....	200
9	Church of Redeemer	Bristol, Tenn.	S.W.Va.	Vacant	95	84	1	1	..	150	.....	.....	150
10	Church of the Redeemer	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston	H. B. Schaeffer	44	....	..	....	..	400	.....	.....	400
11	Morristown	Morristown, Tenn.	Holston	Vacant	....	....	..	....	..	300	.....	.....	300
12	Trinity	Jackson, Miss.	Miss.	T. B. Epting	33	19	1	1	1	800	.....	1500	2300
13	Lingle Pastorate	Lingle, Miss.	Miss.	A. W. Ballentine	163	94	2	2	1	109	.....	.....	109
14	Christ English	Birmingham, Ala.	Ga.	W. P. Cline, Jr.	65	42	1	....	....	350	2500	.....	2850
15	Church of the Redeemer	Macon, Ga.	Ga.	P. C. Weber	32	36	..	....	....	600	.....	.....	600
16	Grace	Lakeland, Fla.	Ga.	W. E. Pugh	38	36	1	1	1	100	.....	1000	1100
17	Trinity	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Ga.	John Hall	43	56	1	1	1	100	.....	.....	100
18	Virginia Heights	Roanoke, Va.	S.W.Va.	J. W. McCauley	..	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	1500	.....
19	Raleigh	Raleigh, N. C.	N. C.	J. L. Morgan	....	....	....	....	....	.....	3750	.....	3750
	19 Missions	19 Pastorates		16 Pastors.	1179	1183	15	13	7	5646	6250	6300	18196

Missions in North Carolina Synod 3
Missions in Tennessee Synod 2
Missions in South Carolina Synod 2

Missions in Virginia Synod 1
Missions in Southwestern Virginia Synod.3
Missions in Georgia Synod 4

Missions in Mississippi Synod 2
Missions in Holston Synod 2

HOME MISSIONS OF THE HOLSTON SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Holy Trinity		Morristown, Tenn.	Vacant	55	55	2	1	..	$ 2000	$....	$....	$....
2	Church of Reformation		Greeneville, Tenn.	Vacant	33	....	1	1	..	1000	.....	.....	.....
3	Church of Ascension		Chattanooga, Tenn.	H. B. Schaeffer	44	20	..	..	..	.....	400	.....	400
	3 Missions		3 Pastorates.	1 Pastor	132	75	3	2	..	3000	400	.....	400

HOME MISSIONS OF THE GEORGIA SYNOD

1	St. James'		Brunswick, Ga.	C. E. Weltner, D.D.	46	40	1	1	..	$12600	$....	$ 900	$ 900
2	Grace		Lakeland, Fla.	W. E. Pugh	35	42	1	1	..	7000	100	500	600
3	Trinity		St. Petersburg, Fla.	John Hall	41	60	1	1	..	12200	100	500	600
	3 Missions		3 Pastorates.	3 Pastors	122	142	3	3	..	31800	200	1900	2100

HOME MISSIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SYNOD

1	Trinity	1914	Jackson, Miss.	T. B. Epting	33	19	1	1	1	$ 1500	$ 800	$ 300	$1100
2	Lingle Pastorate	1914	Lingle, Miss.	A. W. Ballentine	163	94	2	2	1	3000	109	311	420
	2 Missions		2 Pastorates	2 Pastors.	196	113	3	3	2	4500	909	611	1520

HOME MISSIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	Location of Mission	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Lebanon	1893	Barber, N. C.	Rev. V. R. Stickley	51	66	1	1	1	$ 2800	$	$ 150	$ 150
2	Providence	1871	Mocksville, N. C.	Rev. V. R. Stickley	9	....	1	1	..	540	....	....	.....
3	St. Matthew's	1847	Mocksville, N. C.	Rev. V. R. Stickley	29	35	1	1	..	900	....	....	.....
4	Landis	1908	Landis, N. C.	Rev. P. E. Shealy	97	259	1	1	1	3500	....	120	120
5	Concordia	1882	Landis, N. C.	Rev. P. E. Shealy	170	151	1	1	..	2000	....	....	.....
6	Nazareth	1785	Rural Hall, N. C.	Vacant	112	....	1	1	1	2000	....	150	150
7	Bethany	1889	Stokes Co., N. C.	Vacant	30	....	1	1	..	1000	....	....	.....
8	Shiloh	17..	Forsythe Co., N. C.	Vacant	43	....	1	1	..	800	....	....	.....
9	First Church	1905	Lexington, N. C.	Vacant	90	64	1	1	1	18000	....	225	225
10	Woman's Memorial	190	High Point, N. C.	Rev. P. D. Brown	197	102	1	1	1	6000	....	217	217
11	Grace	1911	Thomasville, N. C.	Rev. P. D. Brown	23	....	2	....	....	2000	....	100	100
12	First Church	1910	Greensboro, N. C.	Rev. E. L. Folk	108	135	1	1	1	20000	450	....	450
13	Holy Trinity	191	Raleigh, N. C.	Rev. J. L. Morgan	16	....	1	1	..	2500	....	....	.....
14	Liberty	1912	Liberty, N. C.	Rev. G. H. C. Park	119	187	1	1	..	1000	200	200	400
15	Kimball Memorial	1914	Kannapolis, N. C.	Rev. J. L. Morgan	48	26	1	1	..	15000	....	1000	1000
16	Holy Trinity	1915	Charlotte, N. C.	Vacant	28	107	1	....	....	2000	....	30	30
17	St. Andrew's	1893	Concord, N. C.	Rev. B. S. Dasher	73	104	1	1	1	2200	....	75	75
18	Calvary	1905	Concord, N. C.	Rev. B. S. Dasher	48	118	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
	18 Missions		10 Pastorates.	7 Pastors	1201	1345	18	14	7	82240	650	2269	2919

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	LOCATION	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Woman's Memorial	1902	Spartanburg, S. C.	S. T. Hallman	65	50	1	1		$13000		$ 550	$ 550
2	Immanuel	1902	Greenwood, S. C.	J. D. Kinard	66	25	1	1		6500		625	625
3	St. Luke's	1902	Olympia, S. C.	M. O. L. Kreps	119	155	1	1	1	7500		*550	*550
4	Holy Trinity	1910	New Brookland, S. C.	M. O. L. Kreps	16	60							
5	Mayer Memorial	1900	Newberry, S. C.	Vacant	90	115	1	1		2100		550	550
6	Summer Memorial	1910	Newberry, S. C.	Vacant	53	85	1	1		1600			
7	Fairfax Pastorate	1911	Fairfax, S. C.	D. B. Crowder	130	146	4	1	2	10000		285	285
8	St. James'	1911	Sumter, S. C.	J. H. Wilson	89	55	1	1		6000		285	285
9	St. Luke's	1905	Florence, S. C.	J. L. Smith	79	98	1	1	1	11600		180	180
10	First Church	1909	Greenville, S. C.	C. L. Miller	99	63	1	1	1	30000	440	210	650
11	St. Barnabas	1911	Charleston, S. C.	Vacant	65	230	1	1		5000		†230	†230
12	St. Luke's	1893	Summerville, S. C.	Vacant	65	81							
	12 Missions		9 Pastorates	7 Pastors	966	1181	13	13	5	92700	440	3195	3905

This for 1915. No report for 1916.

*St. Luke's and Holy Trinity combined. †Mayer Memorial and Summer Memorial combined. ‡St. Barnabas and St. Luke's combined.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE TENNESSEE SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	LOCATION	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Gastonia		Gastonia, N. C.	J. C. Dietz	95	154	1	1	..	$15000	$ 250	$ 250	$ 500
2	St. Stephen's	1908	Lenoir, N. C.	W. P. Roof	36	45	1	1	1	5000	* 150	* 250	* 400
3	Mt. Zion		Lenoir, N. C.	W. P. Roof	8	....	1	1	..	1000	.....	.....	.....
4	Bethany		Hickory, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	147	142	1	1	..	1200	.....	† 400	† 400
5	Mt. Hebron		Henry River, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	50	46	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Calvary		Morganton, N. C.	W. A. Deaton	16	....	1	..	..	100	.....	.....	.....
7	Hendersonville		Hendersonville, N. C.	F. G. Morgan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	St. Luke's		Monroe, N. C.	W. J. Boger	50	95	1	1	..	12000	.....	§ 400	§ 400
9	Morning Star		Monroe, N. C.	W. J. Boger	33	35	1	1	..	1000	.....	.....	.....
10	Watauga Pastorate		Sands, N. C.	M. L. Carpenter	181	143	1	1	..	2500	.....	400	400
11	Bethel		Manassas, Va.	.....	49	74	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Trinity		Elkwood, Va.	.....	11	....	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Mt. Zion		Nokesville, Va.	.....	32	40	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	St. Luke's		Culpeper, Va.	.....	22	100	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
	14 Missions		10 Pastorates	6 Pastors	730	874	8	7	1	37800	400	1700	2100

*St. Stephen's and Mount Zion combined. †Bethany, Mt. Hebron and Calvary combined. §St. Luke's and Morning Star combined.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD

Index Number	Name of Mission	When Established	LOCATION	Pastor	Church Members	Sunday School Members	Church Lots	Church Building	Parsonages	Value of all Property	Appropriations		
											By the United Synod	By the District Synod	Total
1	Trinity		Buena Vista, Va.	Vacant	39	78	1	1	..	$ 1500	$....	$ 450	$ 450
2	Capon Pastorate		Wardensville, W. Va.	Peter Miller	132	70	4	4	1	8300	.....	150	150
3	Muhlenberg		Harrisonburg, Va.	E. A. Repass	94	137	1	1	1	10000	.....	240	240
4	Trinity		Newport News, Va.	J. A. Shealy	182	81	1	1	..	8000	.....	300	300
5	North River Pastorate		Rio, W. Va.	H. D. Chapman	195	....	3	3	1	2800	.....	200	200
6	Luther Memorial		Portsmouth, Va.	W. A. Craun	81	95	..	..	..	.....	675	.....	675
7	Grace		Waynesboro, Va.	E. L. Ritchie	90	100	1	1	1	30000	.....	250	250
8	Emmanuel		Woodstock, Va.	S. W. Kuhns	115	133	1	1	1	11200	.....	100	100
	8 Missions		8 Pastorates.	7 Pastors	874	694	12	12	5	71800	675	1690	2365

HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA SYNOD

1	Holy Trinity	1903	Lynchburg, Va.	O. L. Schreiber, Ph.D.	52	44	1	1	1	$8750	$...	$550 00	$550 00
2	Church of Redeemer	1903	Bristol, Tenn.	Vacant	93	80	1	1	..	12000	150	125 00	275 00
3	Woman's Memorial	1888	Pulaski, Va.	J. I. Coiner	86	82	1	1	..	6000	....	137 50	137 50
4	Christ Church	1888	Radford, Va.	J. I. Coiner	62	30	1	1	..	4000	....	137 50	137 50
5	Wartburg	1887	Graham, Va.	Vacant	55	62	1	1	..	5000	.....	.....	.....
	5 Missions		4 Pastorates.	2 Pastors	348	298	5	5	1	35750	150	950 00	1100 00

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Number	Name of the Institution	When Founded	Location	President	Professors and Instructors	Other Teachers	Capacity of Institution	Students, Male	Students, Female	Students, Total	Students for Ministry	Alumni	Volumes in Library	Endowment	Value of All Property	Indebtedness
1	Roanoke College	1853	Salem, Va.	J. A. Morehead, A.M., O.D.	22	..	....	187	....	187	20	771	25000	$14500	$358220	$.....
2	Collegiate Institute	1853	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	G. F. McAllister, A.M.	4	1	100	75	....	75	5	206	4500	5000	40000	4000
3	Newberry College	1856	Newberry, S. C.	J. Henry Harms, A.M., D.D	15	..	300	221	23	244	18	550	6000	170000	300000	.....
4	Mont Amoena Seminary	1859	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	R. A. Goodman, A.B.	8	1	100	....	78	78	..	243	200	.....	45000	13000
5	Marion College	1874	Marion, Va.	C. Brown Cox, A.M.	15	..	100	....	122	122	..	200	1000	.....	75000	35000
6	Lenoir College	1891	Hickory, N. C.	R. L. Fritz, A.M., D.D.	19	..	250	132	138	270	35	228	2500	38700	150000	.....
7	Elizabeth College	1897	Salem, Va.	John C. Peery, A.M.	10	6	200	....	112	112	..	230	3500	.....	100000	45000
8	Summerland College	1912	Leesville, S. C.	P. E. Monroe, A.M.	8	..	100	....	82	82	..	23	700	.....	45000	.....
					101	8	1250	615	555	1170	78	2451	43400	358200	1113220	97000

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED SYNOD

Index Number	DISTRICT SYNODS	When Organized	Ministers	Churches	Stations	Students for the Ministry	Catechumens	Losses			Accessions					Membership				Finances		
								By Death	By Certificate	Other Losses	Infant Baptism	Adult Baptism	Confirmation	Certificate	Restoration	Baptized Members Not Confirmed	Confirmed Members	Total Membership	Increase Confirmed Members since last meeting of United Synod.	Value of all Church Property.	Indebtedness	All Local Expenses By Congregations.
1	North Carolina	1803	50	76	....	21	1269	156	257	116	513	3	429	348	4	4155	10783	14938	866	$ 518094	$ 27125	$ 45627
2	Tennessee	1820	53	130	....	9	1953	269	.....	.....	1814	....	1027	517	.....	7753	14192	20601	1038	338275	.....	83621
3	South Carolina	1824	51	85	....	15	799	358	422	256	795	127	821	576	63	3711	11225	15036	465	610597	45668	65483
4	Virginia	1829	35	59	....	5	1237	142	152	225	337	125	352	285	24	.....	6521	6521	324	438600	.....	58580
5	South western Virginia	1842	39	72	....	3	....	145	176	41	210	124	266	....	20	5133	5500	10633	185	80550	1702	23392
6	Mississippi	1855	6	12	2	2	77	10	2	....	41	12	27	11	.....	647	794	1441	49	.....	6000	736
7	Georgia*	1860	18	31	....	1	232	59	47	172	141	20	78	97	7	1829	3836	5665	.....	251210	39558	23861
8	Holston	1861	8	26	1	....	15	.....	.....	41	89	15	79	44	4	653	1784	2437	.....	125606	3200	8925
			254	491	3	59	4766	1089	1956	951	3380	569	3092	1858	125	23881	54735	77272	2927	2362932	123653	309575

*Report for one year only.

Parochial Statistics of the United Synod—Continued

Index Number	Sunday Schools					Y. P. and Children's Societies			Benevolence.												Totals.	
	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Local Expenses of Schools	Benevolence of Schools	Members	Local Expenses of Societies	Benevolence of Societies	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Colleges and Theological Seminary.	Ministerial Education	W. H. and F. M. Societies.	Pastors' Fund	Orphan Home	Aid Societies	External Objects	Total Local Expenses	Total Benevolence	Grand Total
1	57	753	8572	$ 4360	$1913	2057	$ 597	$ 870	$ 940	$ 2761	$ 1994	$ 395	$ 255	$ 560	$ 2890	$1467	$ 734	$ 556	$1289	$ 54957	$ 15728	$ 70685
2	110	873	7832	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	3357	2945	3334	.....	627	.....	.....	....	2028	.....	.....	83021	12189	108433
3	75	867	7294	.....	.....	2371	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130491	49417	179908
4	44	632	4846	5295	3094	975	1249	4446	1145	6428	6401	1743	1148	625	2048	4000	1606	4228	4716	65073	44529	109612
5	65	565	4500	.....	.....	250	.....	400	1076	1500	911	809	250	.....	.....	955	.....	.....	.....	23392	5901	29293
6	11	39	281	69	.....	....	.....	.....	89	106	40	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	895	335	1140
7	...	310	2178	322	1084	228	397	56	402	2822	1203	385	871	.....	2909	251	390	857	.....	24579	10730	35309
8	14	112	909	443	114	175	38	74	2316	317	251	323	92	.....	723	.....	61	.....	.....	9406	4271	13677
	376	4151	36412	10489	6205	6056	2281	5846	9325	16379	14134	3755	3243	1185	8570	6673	4819	5641	6005	391724	143100	534824

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